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focused in

- Intensely concentrating
- on a crucible, Scott
- Goodwin, sophomore,
- adjusts the amount of
- gas to make a reaction.
- Chemistry classes
- performed 45 labs per
- year. "I enjoyed labs
- because they were
- hands-on and more fun
- than just sitting in class
- taking notes," Scott said.



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Speak up

To receive the required points for Mr. Rob McCall's Socratic seminar, Arun Umapathy, junior, discusses *The Great Gatsby*. Socratic seminars encouraged English students to discuss specific concepts and symbolism in their readings. "The seminars were a better way to learn the material because you were forced to understand the topic thoroughly," Arun said.



tickle me red

Before Mrs. Renee Kouris's English class, Kathryn Slabowski, junior, sports red face paint to show her homecoming spirit. "Everyone was excited during Homecoming week," Kathryn said. "Painting my face showed I was part of the excitement."

drawing to close

On the eve of winter break, freshmen Kristy Anderson and Katie Martino plan their Spanish class project. "We made a comic in Spanish using vocab," Kristy said. "We used Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer for Christmas spirit."

loud and clear

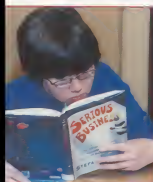
By cheering, shouting and clapping, seniors Dustin Bothwell and Bryan Bokowy show support for the Senior Class during the Homecoming pep rally. Students who did not compete in the tug of war, sack race or pie-eating contests displayed their spirit by cheering on fellow classmates.

jump to it

Racing to the finish line, Stephenie Brajak, junior, participates in the Homecoming potato sack race. Rainy weather forced the traditional outdoor pep rally indoors to the fieldhouse. "I liked participating and showing school spirit," Stephenie said. "It didn't matter that it was indoors. It was all the same to me."

work and play

Focused on her book, Allison Hawkins, senior, finishes the last words of the chapter. Monday Silent Sustained Reading gave students a chance to read for pleasure instead of the typical class assignments.



actions shout louder than words

Whenever
success
appeared
just out
of reach,
students
set plans
in motion

Eerie silence settled over the stunned crowd March 5. Nothing short of a pin drop could go unheard. Jaws dropped as Lake Central's Brett Summers sunk a basket with 1.1 seconds left on the clock, leaving the score 55-53. **If** only the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team made one more play, they'd be getting their shot at Sectional Finals. **If** only the buzzer sounded two seconds sooner. **If** only the stupefied faces of the diehard super fans would crack a smile.

Drizzle, droplets, **and** then a downpour. Rain drowned all hopes for a homecoming parade Oct. 3. Disheartened faces looked towards the windows as the dreary weather spelled the end of the much anticipated pep rally. Confused freshmen turned to each other for answers. Shouting seniors settled in their seats **and** the realization set in: they were going to miss their chance at senior domination. The ultimate in unwritten rules had been broken.



out cold

- Chilled from the fall weather, Jenna Candiano, junior, waits to start 7:30 a.m. band warm-ups.
- Rehearsals for the Homecoming halftime show forced early practices on Marching Band members.



cheap choice

- Thinking with his wallet, Steve Krolak, junior, selects his lunch.
- Students bought lunch as an alternative to the typical sack pack. "I buy food from the cafeteria because it's just easier," Steve said. "A bagged lunch can be a hassle."



rally cry

- Focused on the music, Jeff Schmidt, senior, plays his trumpet in the Homecoming halftime show. Despite the rainy weather, the show went on as planned.

attitude handles the bumps

And then it happened: the pep rally moved to the field house for the first time in history. Seniors won the pie-eating contest **and** freshmen escaped wedgie free.

Starting as a whisper in the hallway, it slowly took on a life of its own. The junior research paper loomed over the heads of the diligent, the less dedicated, and the procrastinators. Overwhelmed at the thought of 50 required note cards and baffled by the concept of a "works cited" page, staying home with the flu grew in appeal. March 18 approached and all that appeared was a rough draft, a very rough draft. Progress might have been a little farther along **but** a huge pre calculus test required three hours of preparation. The thesis could have been complete **but** American Idol aired at 7 p.m. Mr. Rob McCall should have understood **but** he still expected all final copies on his desk, exactly where he found them.

From near perfect seasons to nearly complete research papers, not everything went as planned. Despite the obvious obstacles and even those less apparent, things still managed to fall into place. Twists, turns, and the occasional bump didn't change the bottom line. When all was said and done, there really were
no ifs, ands, or buts.

Whatever the issue, obstacle, or risk, nothing skewed the bottom line

prize: pillar

Absorbed in her art, Samantha Korda, senior, paints a section of her group's surrealism pillar for art class. The pillar won the Donald H. Berwanger Award of Excellence and \$250 at the May Tri-County High School Art Exhibit at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts.



in good taste

With nachos in hand, Scott Starewicz, senior, and Mike Jones, sophomore, enjoy homemade snacks in foods class.



one, tube, three

Three tries later, juniors Jessie Stalmack and Lyndsay Langbehn successfully transfer bacteria from one test tube to another. Lab work allowed for hands on experience with bacteria and its effects on the immune system. "Classroom work and lab work were two totally different things," Jessie said. "Both were necessary to understand concepts."

toe the line

• Stunning his Morton opponent, Josh Martin, senior, drives the baseline. Josh ended the night with 19 points and the season with Most Valuable Player honors.



stuck on spirit

• To support the football team, Hilary Grunewald, freshman, hangs her spirit sign. Captains assigned two posters to each cheerleader.

hands on

• Carefully adjusting his pot, Bart Banach, senior, uses class time to finish his ceramics thrown project.

sour surprise

• Testing to see if she has the ability to taste a chemical, Marissa Zoppetti, freshman, licks a piece of paper for human genetics.

up close Facing life's daily quirks and Homecoming looming, senior Carolyn Jania dresses up as a Hollywood star. Playing the Merriville Pirates, Katelyn Bochnowski, freshman, readies to shoot a free throw. Reentering the scene, Kimberly Dooley, sophomore, confronts the murderer in the novice play *The Spiral Staircase*.



time proves too valuable

After four years and seven plays, Sara Dobrinich, senior, **left her mark**. Snagging the lead role as Maria in the Music Department's spring musical production of *The Sound of Music*, her high school career seemed complete.

Confidently staring out into a crowd of 12,000, Eric McGill, freshman, **met the challenge**. Silver medal in hand, he earned State Runner Up in the 103-pound wrestling weight class.

Putting the 9 p.m. CSI premiere on the back burner, Kate Mikels, senior, **set her priorities**. As 10 p.m. rolled around, she made last minute adjustments to her paper on the novel *A Tree, a Rock, a Cloud* for Mrs. Mary York's third hour AP Composition class.

Whether a 7 p.m. football game replaced first hour physics homework or an after school make-up quiz made track practice out of the question, 24 hours never seemed sufficient. The end of the day left students saying, **"If I had the time, I'd do it all."**

Looking for spare moments to squeeze in all of life's little dents, students juggle demanding practices, hectic schedules, and pressures of daily living





a handful

Baby in arms, Daniejela Karanikic, senior, experiences "Baby Day" in which parents from the community bring in children one-month to eighteen-months of age. Child Development students participated in three days of activities: "Pregnancy Day", "Baby Day", and "Baby Bathing Day," in order to introduce the realities of having a child.



all in rhythm

To keep rhythm during the song "Dying to know", Andy Paarberg, junior, plays with the band Calgary. The band put out a live song demo and played at the Muse.



lashing out

Without batting an eyelash, Neerja Prasad, junior, applies her Halloween eye liner. "I wanted to be punk-goth for Halloween," Neerja said. "I usually don't wear makeup so I wanted to look good."



watered down

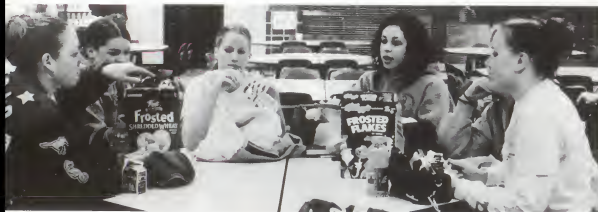
While watering a plant in his fifth hour botany class, Ryan Anderson, senior, tends to the greenhouse. "Greenhouse windows lightened the day and mood," Ryan said.

From early hour practices to late evening performances, the 180-day routine leaves students

Days out Daze in



The 180-day routine started again each Monday morning as the building came to life. Hallway chatter replaced the furnace hum. Strained eyes let students navigate safely to first hour classes. Whether they came from 5:30 a.m. swim practice, a 6:45 a.m. zero hour class, or straight out of bed, all stumbled in and zoned out. Minutes ticked by, and life moved by the clock.



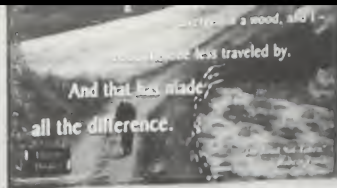
Breakfast club

After 5:30 a.m. swim practice, seniors Addison Del Rio, Liz Hinkleman, Becky Trmstra, and Julie Fiengold, sophomore, along with Jessica Brakule, junior, stop for a cereal break before school.

Hurried help

To help his girlfriend finish her homework, James Jamrock, senior, helps Jordan Sunderland, sophomore, complete an algebra problem before school. Students fit forgotten homework into their before-bell schedule.





Eyes wide shut

10 a.m.

Head on hands, Matt Skertich, sophomore, takes a break from reading Julius Caesar in Mr. Brian Clark's English class. "I was in cross country," Matt said, "so I took every chance I could during school to sleep."

Early march

7:15 a.m.

Ready to run their Homecoming routine, juniors Kelly Simmons, Valerie Umlauf and Stephanie Scully await further directions to the band field. "We were outside everyday rain or shine to practice for Homecoming," Kelly said.



Morning haze

9:30 a.m.

Students reacted differently to morning classes. With her eyes on the paper Danielle Stone, sophomore, works on German. Head down on her arms, Claudia Hernandez, sophomore, reads *Camelot* during her English hour. Leaning back in her seat, Lindsay Miller, senior, watches a Smart-board presentation.

Blink of an eye

7:36 a.m.

Eyes wide open, Jessica Arens, junior, puts on her make-

up before the 7:45 a.m. bell. "I hurried up and finished my make-up at school because I didn't have time to at home," Jessica said.

Math minded

12:20 p.m.
While sitting in his study hall Brad Dunham, junior, works on his Algebra 2 homework. Students utilized study hall to catch up on homework, studies, sleep or other class tasks. "Study hall was my beacon of hope at the middle of the day," Brad said. "I could get what I needed done or just relax and do nothing."



Lunch crunch

11:40 a.m.
After waiting in line, Mike Lee, senior, and Angela Banas, sophomore, get their lunch. After buying lunch they could finally relax and eat with friends. Juniors Amy Heaney, Neeraj Prasad and Kirstin Bularzik take advantage of their time by talking about books and movies. Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, social studies teacher, patrols the lunch lines and stops cutting, allowing students to quickly receive their lunch.



Laid out

11:45 a.m.
With his head supported by his backpack Steve Fell, senior, relaxes in the Commons during lunch. Not being confined to the cafeteria allowed students to congregate in the Commons or fieldhouse to pass the time after eating. "Sometimes I just needed time to relax and lay down during the day and lunch was the perfect time to chill out," Steve said.



Days out Daze in



Eyes anxiously scanned bell schedules and lines formed near doors as the morning rolled into lunch. In an average week, 3,053 lunch trays teetered as students juggled last minute homework with quick cram sessions. Whether headed toward the Food Court or study hall, 10:30 a.m. spelled the end of the morning grind and the beginning of the midday rush.



Break away

Focused on scoring Robert Romano, sophomore, drives to the basket. Some students chose to go to the fieldhouse on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to play basketball. "It was a good break in the day for me," Robert said. "It helped me with stress in the day."

Stuck in the web

Eyes glued to the screen, Marc Wilson, junior, surfs the web in the Resource Center during study hall. Students used the computers to browse their favorite sites or check the news. "When I wanted a break from studying I got online and looked up sports scores," Marc said.

Under fire

3:45 p.m.

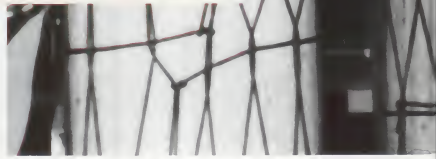
Participating in a Crier round table for Student Body President, junior running-mates Kristina Standley and Erica Ranade answer questions on school issues. "Even though we didn't win, it was a good experience," Kristina said.



Home bound

3 p.m.

Waiting patiently for his ride Dan Ancich, freshman, scans the parking lot. Chatting before they leave the building, freshmen Ashley Schmiedel and Nicole Marini meet at a locker. Once the final bell rang, juniors Sondra Leslie and Jacqué Banas rushed out of the building to head on home.



Days out Daze in

World beat

4:30 p.m.

Intently focusing on the beat, Ashley Troumouliaris, senior, keeps the rhythm at African Drumming Club practice. "This club was such a fun opportunity," Ashley said. "It was something different and new that people wouldn't expect."



As the second hand ticked closer to 2:45 p.m., diligent teachers tried to keep eager students from packing up their bags. The classroom haze lifted while students found their way to Spanish Club, Poms practice, and try outs for the fall musical *Snoopy*. For many the final bell signaled the end of school and the beginning of life.



Full swing

3:15 p.m.

Focused on returning a serve, Danielle Flores, freshman, hits a forehand after school Friday with the Ping Pong Club. Players rotated serving after every five points and played matches up to 21.

Home sweet home

3:30 p.m.

Skillfully using their fingers, Stana Romic, sophomore, and Milijana Lalic, freshman, make gingerbread houses for German Club. "I think the kids liked the gingerbread houses," Mrs. Eileen Meier, German Club sponsor, said. "I think it's because they get to eat a lot of candy."

Disaster drill

4:30 p.m.

Executing a stand-up drill, Lance Surma, sophomore, stays his ground against Mitch Larock. Wrestlers practiced until 5:30 p.m. during season. "Practice took a lot of time," Lance said. "It wasn't work though. It was just fun."



Days out Daze in



Oktoberfest, sectional basketball games, and Turnabout filled the building with 7 p.m. nightlife. Teachers headed home as students headed back to school. Trading backpacks and books for face paint and formal wear, students cast off the day's monotony. Cheering fans, gyrating music and resounding applause echoed through the empty hallways. Twenty four hours had passed but 96 remained until students could call weekends their own.

On the fly
8:15 p.m.

With eyes focused on the hoop, Scott Rutkowski, sophomore, puts up a shot. Athletes had to adjust schedules to practice night after school and compete at evening matches and games. "Usually, I would end up doing my homework after the game," Scott said. "If I had too much to do, I would just get it all done during my study hall."



Pack it up
6:30 p.m.

Carefully assembling bratwursts before a football game, Emily Yaeger, freshman, contributes to German Club's Oktoberfest. Prior to the event, club members sold \$5 adult tickets and \$3 children's tickets. "From one night alone we're able to earn funds for the whole year's activities," president Emily Alberti, senior, said. "And everyone else gets a taste of German culture."





One night stand

6:10 p.m.

Spotting Brittany Lewis, sophomore, the Girls' JV Cheerleading Squad performs a "half." The stunt's low degree of difficulty made it the most widely used.



Clock Out

9 p.m.

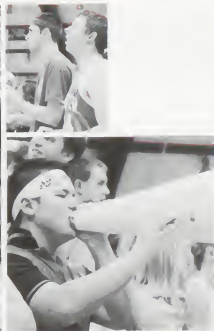
Hands held high, Elyse Holloway, sophomore, Alex Grantner, senior, and juniors Paige Popravak and Genevieve Girdina practice a curtain call during the winter play *Turn Back the Clock*.



Pay it forward

7:35 p.m.

Catering to the rush of Sectional fans, Mrs. Darlene Shike meets the needs of the capacity crowd. The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team's March 2 Sectional game against Gary West Side transformed fieldhouse seating into standing room only space.



Fandemonium

7:40 p.m.

Diehard super fans support the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team throughout the Sectional match against Gary West Side. Seniors Lauren Banas, Julie Bassetto, and Amanda Achter decorated team shirts, while Toshiro Toyama sported a mohawk and kamikaze bandana. Seniors Jon Benedek and Jon Caddick wore sweat bands and outdated team jerseys.

From shirts
to shouts,
when it comes to
school spirit the
message rings

Loud and clear

Laughter erupted as Chris Bakker, sophomore, entered the boys' varsity basketball game. Crowds turned to gawk at his oversized Winnie the Pooh costume, complete with a Lake Central jersey.

"I wore the outfit because it was something fun and original," Chris said. "I felt like it was a good way to get everyone involved in the game."

To keep school interesting students displayed their own unique form of spirit. Kristi Anderson, freshman, started a "Yellow Shirt Day". Students followed Kristi's lead and Tuesday became the official day to wear yellow shirts. She awarded prizes to classmates who dressed for the day for more than five weeks.

"I chose yellow because it's a happy, fun color," Kristi said. "It caught on so well that one time over half of Mr. Edington's class was wearing yellow shirts, including Mr. Edington."

Yellow shirts turned formal on Fridays. What started off as "White Shirt Wednesdays" turned into "Formal Fridays" when Jim Sunderland, senior, decided to dress up on a Friday, according to T.J. Surma, senior.

"I just did it to be different, you know, to mix it up in school," Jim said. "But then it just caught on and a bunch of people starting doing it."

Holidays such as Mardi Gras and Halloween also gave students an opportunity to mix it up. Students dressed up for extra credit or for fun.

"I didn't realize how much extra credit teachers were giving for just dressing up for Mardi Gras," Jaime Zlamal, junior, said. "I just did it to dress up and do something crazy."

After cheering in his Winnie the Pooh gear, Chris returned home. Once there, he and Billy Stuart, sophomore, made plans for even more creative, funny ways to show their spirit at next Friday's game.



Bum a tune

Dressed for "Bum Day" Spellos Bacoyanis, junior, plays the theme to *Jaws*. During basketball season pep band members dressed to mock the opponent's mascot.

Strength in numbers

Game in sight, juniors Lindsey Pugh, Ashley Dudzik, Ashley Brian, Erica Stout, Joe Hunt and Mike Cheek cheer on the varsity football players at their first home game. Super fans wore shirts, face paint, and hair dye to show support. "I only went to three games," Joe said. "So I wanted to make it count."





Shout it out

To boost Homecoming spirit, juniors Manini Gupta and Brittany Bohling get the juniors involved by shouting, chants to their section in the bleachers. Hoping to drowned out the competition for the pep rally Spirit award, the classes competed in the tug of war, a pie-eating contest, and a potato sack race.

Making his point

Equipped with a #33 Munster football jersey and helmet, Andrew Spivey, cheers for the seniors to the amusement of his peers. Because of the weather, homecoming activities moved in to the gym and the homecoming parade was cancelled.



But who's counting

From decorated lockers to dressing up for Spirit Week, students showed their spirit

58 percent of freshmen dressed up to support a sports team

25 percent of seniors had their locker decorated for their birthdays or sports

38 percent of sophomores dressed up for extra credit

33 percent of juniors celebrated their birthdays at lunch with friends in the food court

298 students surveyed
March 3



All together

During the Homecoming pie eating contest, seniors Jia Hou and Don Yamtich cheer for Leah Schaffer, senior. Lea ended up winning the class competition in the fieldhouse as rain forced the pep rally indoors.

Face value

After drawing an "S" on Rohan Bhagwat, freshman, Sheiphal Gandhi, senior, writes the senior graduation year (04) on his cheek. "I didn't mind it at all," Rohan said. "I'm sure I'll end up doing it to freshmen when I'm a senior."

taken_{by} surprise

pouring rain and canceled parade, students confront week of

Lines formed at classroom doors as students anxiously waited to be directed to the football field for the homecoming pep rally.

Photographers headed to the field, students set tables in place and then the unthinkable happened: it began to rain. More than rain, it poured. Three minutes before show time, droplets pelted the bleachers, soaking the signs and rendering the age-old tradition unthinkable.

Anxious faces turned to classroom windows watching the weather drown out their afternoon plans. Slowly slumping into his seat, Grant Burdeau, junior, realized that he wouldn't dig into a cherry pie for the pie-eating contest. Packing up his backpack, Kevin Thorp, freshman, gave up his hopes of winning the teacher vs. student tug of war.

"All I could remember thinking is that I was totally going to miss out on the experience," Lisa Weichman, freshman, said. "It was my first homecoming, and I was pretty sure it was going to be canceled."

Behind the scenes Student Body President Billy Lewis, senior, looked to the administration to make backup plans. Moments before cancellation, pep rally plans moved into the field house. Despite the quick save, the rains forced the cancellation of the annual parade. This marked two firsts: the first in-door pep rally and the first canceled parade.

Poor weather dampened the bleachers, yet spirits remained intact. Naked, hairy and sporting a plastic grimace, an oversized black gorilla threw down his pencil in disgust. Mike Shideler, senior, donned the costume in an effort to support his Senior Class.

"We really wanted to show the underclassmen how it's done," Shideler said. "I've been waiting since I was a freshman to do this. It was finally my turn."

While some students found their position on top empowering, others found it to be a harsh reality check. With the notoriously intimidating seniors looming over their shoulders, underclassmen anticipated a degrading week of wedgies and face painting. However, they came up empty handed, with little more than a smile.

"I was disappointed that the freshmen didn't get it as badly as I did as a freshman," Kristina Kovacevich, sophomore, said. "I hardly saw any painted faces at all. That's just not really fair! We got it and so should they."

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face off

Covered with cherry pie, Lea Shaffer, senior, forces herself to speed through the pie eating contest. Despite her hatred for cherry pie, Lea won the contest for the seniors. "My only regret," Lea said, "is that I didn't ask for the pie tin as my trophy."

slide of hands

In an attempt to figure out where they went wrong, Miss Jennifer Bulla, English teacher; Mr. Mike Blaze, history teacher, and Mr. Steve Lopez, history teacher, discuss their loss in the faculty's North vs. South tug of war. "We only lost because we had little people like Miss Bulla on our North team," Mr. Blaze said.



tissue issue

Carefully avoiding the sharp-edged chicken wire, Natalie Samano, junior, completes Zeus's tissue paper mountain for the junior float.



caught off guard

Not quite sure of what she's hearing over the loud speaker, Carolyn Jania, senior, listens as she's announced Homecoming Queen. Votes came in from 1,388 students and Miss Jill Underly, social studies teacher, tallied the results. "I had no idea I'd be on the court," Carolyn said. "Being named Queen was above anything I expected."

courting the seniors

Narrowing down the selection, the Senior Class voted Wednesday, Oct. 1 to establish the homecoming court. The following day all grade levels voted for Queen.

Sara Dobrinich

Grant Burdeau, Junior

"Ten minutes before the court came out it started pouring. What are the odds of that?"



Christina Largus

Coach Tom Largus

"My dad escorted me because my date played in the game. I was proud to be able to share the moment with him."



Amanda Achter

Jon Achter

"My favorite memory of each Homecoming is watching all of the games at the pep rally."



Julie Bassetto

Drew Hautlaire, senior

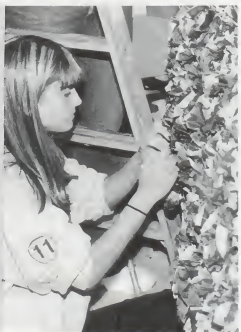
"All of the girls up there were my friends, so it couldn't have been a better situation. No matter who won, I was happy."



Amanda Shike

Adam Grunewald, Junior

"Although the rain wasn't the most enjoyable condition, it definitely added a twist to the night."



belly up

In hand-to-hand combat, seniors Mark Hannigan and Alex Gikas battle to entertain students at the pep rally. The costumes came equipped with a fan to keep them inflated throughout the day.

taken by surprise

continued

Contrary to past examples, the seniors stuck with harmless tactics. Choosing cross-dressing day over hanging freshmen up by the seat of their pants proved one of the many nicer alternatives.

"The seniors didn't hold water at all this year," Teddy Horowitz, junior, said. "We juniors even dominated in the tug of war."

Spirit still came across as seniors Mark Hannigan and Alex Gikas walked the halls in sumo wrestler outfits. Others chose subtler forms of expression, still wearing their class shirts displaying Greek gods.

Uneasily standing up, Grant's cherry-drenched lips parted in a contented smile. Lea Shaffer, senior, beat him in the pie-eating contest, but he still got his chance to shine. The pep rally ended up in the field house. Everything else went as planned, pie and all.



junior Mike Hawryszkow,
class shirt day



senior Kate Laudermark
pie-eating contest



hanging by a thread

Cheering on the Sophomore Class, Jordan Ellison, senior, pushes sophomores Will Leary, Bryan Joseph and Niko Culic to beat the juniors. Despite the support, the sophomores lost. "I just wanted to go up against them in the next round," Jordan said.



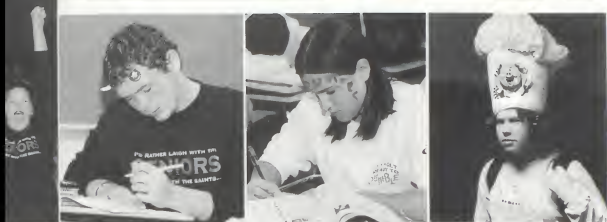
build up

Slowly attaching chicken wire to the wooden frame of Poseidon's float, Nick Stolarz, sophomore, provides the base work for the sophomores' winning float.

pie times

Cherry pies in sight, Sara Dobrinich, senior, helps Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas, principal, and Student Government sponsor Miss Jill Underly, social studies teacher, set up the contest. "I was surprised at how good the pies looked," Sara said.





senior Craig Talbot,
class shirt day

freshman Nicole Malo,
class shirt day

junior Mack Rawden,
hat day

facing^{the} days

From senior Craig Talbot's devil horns to junior Mack Rawden's pig hat, students took every opportunity to show their spirit. Wearing 80's workout outfits instead of 70's disco wear, seniors set themselves apart. They followed separate spirit days from the underclassmen.



pay up

Selling balloons for DECA, juniors Manini Gupta and Grant Burdeau argue about the \$1 fee. "All of the teachers were really supportive," Manini said. "They even got their students to buy from us."

spirit attack

Hands raised to the music, Emily Vandersluis, junior, and Melissa Victor, sophomore, act out shark movements as the pep band plays the *Jaws* theme during the pep rally. "Any time the pep band played the song to *Jaws*, all of the color guards put down our flags and put up our 'fins,'" Emily said. "It was just one of those things that made us laugh."

Fall into place

Learning to cope with a hectic work schedule, students watch everything

"I think I'm gonna throw up," four-year old Travis Dunn said while looking up hopelessly at his baby-sitter Brogan Guthrie, junior.

Travis' "sickness" aroused from the smell of a dirty diaper Michelle Becka, junior, changed.

Baby-sitting for three families' toddlers, Michelle and Brogan attempted to keep their sanity. The children incessantly sought ways to appease their boredom in whatever way possible. Even if it meant driving their baby-sitters Michelle and Brogan crazy.

As a result, two-year old Bailey Santanna went over and opened a drawer. Content with her findings, Bailey waddled to Brogan to report her findings of "choke." Still unsure of the definition of "choke," Brogan opened the drawer in disgust to discover it meant vomit.

"Baby-sitting little kids could get hard, but at the end of the night it's worth it to know that you're going to get paid," Michelle said.

Jobs offered other advantages besides the obvious pay. They provided the experience needed in real life situations. Although many students didn't enter the work force for these reasons, they still reaped the benefits that came with it.

Despite the fact that Brogan and Michelle still told that story in horror weeks after it happened, they learned life lessons and pocketed \$150 each as spending money for the weekend.

"Sometimes when you deal with the same thing everyday it can get pretty annoying," Linda Landowski, junior, said. "But I worked because I knew that I'd have cash after it was all over."

"It's hard having a job while you're still in high school," Tony Stack, junior, said. "You have to deal with all types of problems while you're working, but who doesn't like money?"

That night Brogan and Michelle experienced everything from kids wetting the bed to a "domino effect" of vomiting. However, a desire to earn their own money inspired their work.

Money talks

Though work hours varied, students earned money as they faced job challenges

29

percent of freshmen worked

34

percent of sophomores earned money with a job

47

percent of juniors had a job

65

percent of seniors worked

258 students surveyed
April 1





Struggle to juggle

Shocked by the sudden shower of objects, Jonathan Gonzalez, junior, balances his armful at work at TJMax. "Around holidays, it gets really annoying," Jonathan said, "when there's more stuff on the ground than on the racks."



Right on time

While Alicia Keyes played softly in the background, Thea Logan, senior, types patient reports. Thea finished all her reports for the night within an hour. "When working," Thea said, "I just kept my mind focused until the job was done."

Music and money

Mentally preparing for his musical performance, Ian Lopez, junior, sets up his guitar for his band's performance at the Muse. "Performing for people is something I like to do," Ian said, "and then I get paid at the end of the night."



Change exchange

Short on cash, Jenny Gluek, senior, borrows lunch money from Kelly Simmons, junior. "I needed money because I had left mine at home," Jenny said.

Signed and delivered

As Linda Landowski, junior, hands a note to a St Thomas Moore teacher, students gawk at her in curiosity. Linda worked as an assistant for one hour each day. "I didn't mind working," Linda said, "but sometimes it got boring."

Pretty penny

After acquiring money through different means, students find themselves paying a

At 6 a.m. on Thursday morning, four cars park at the BP gas station on Calumet.

Chetan Chaubal, junior, pulled into an open spot. He had 48 minutes to pump gas, pour himself coffee to go, eat breakfast on the run, and get to school before zero hour orchestra started at 6:48 a.m.

"The majority of my money went to gas," Chetan said. "Though I spent \$20 on gas every two weeks, I'd rather have the car than the extra money. My parents gave me money to spend on everything else."

On the other side of town, Stacey Welsh, senior, left her house at 6:15 a.m. to do some quick grocery shopping.

"Thank God for 24 hour shopping," Stacey said. "With the money I made from working, I'd buy groceries for the house and help pay bills."

From gas to groceries and freshmen to seniors, teenagers spend money on just about everything.

"You kind of have to spend your money wisely," Kristina Kovacevich, sophomore, said. "You can either spend your money ridiculously, or you can bargain. You can buy good quality clothes really inexpensively."

Jessica Brakulis, junior, conserved her money, but when she had small bills that equaled big sums, money preservation seemed, to her, easier said than done.

"I usually try to keep a budget. But one time, I bought a pair of Guess jeans for about \$100," Jessica said. "I like to spoil myself when it comes to shopping."

Jon Velchek, freshman, took the thrifty route by buying his clothing at the Village Discount store in Hammond.

"I shop there," Jon says, "not because it's trendy, but because it's really cheap."

At 7 p.m. Friday night, restaurants buzzed with commotion. Teenagers filled the booths and tables waiting to eat, conversing amongst themselves.

"Over the weekend, I'd spend the most on food," Jessica said. "Anything from Starbucks, to the Double-Stacks from Wendy's, to strawberry sundaes at Dairy Queen."

As the price of gas fluctuated, and fashion temptations lured teenagers to spend money, students introduced thousands of dollars into the economy each week. Whether gas, food or entertainment, when money talked, teens listened.



Cold cash

For an instant energy boost, Joey Domenico, freshman, stops by Starbucks after school. "I was falling asleep throughout the day," Joey said. "I needed the caffeine."



Feeling the deal

While bargain shopping in Target, Julie Feingold, sophomore, chooses her size in sweat pants. Many teenagers looked for good prices when shopping. "I like shopping at Target," Julie said. "There's a good selection of comfortable clothes."





Scene change

With her *The Passion of the Christ* ticket in hand, Kathryn Slaboski, junior, receives her change. "I went to a matinee," Kathryn said. "We wanted to beat the rush, so we left right after school."

paying an arm and a leg

From gas to groceries, teenagers spent their money on everything under the sun

50%

of the student body spends \$11-30 each week

25%

of freshman and sophomores spend most of their money on clothing

41%

of juniors spend the most money on food

30%

of seniors spend the most money on gas

610 students surveyed
April 1



Under the sun

Though the weather outside was frightful, Andrew Moffitt, senior, catches some artificial sun at the Sunseekers tanning salon in Munster. "I rarely went tanning," Andrew said. "But when the temperature dropped to the mid 20s, I needed to feel the heat."

Chips and dip

Choosing the perfect snack food, foreign exchange students Gabe Pomerancblum, senior, selects his favorite potato chips. "I go shopping because it's better than staying home and doing nothing," Gabe said. "Doing something small like that can bring about excitement."



Highlight of the day

While thinking about the upcoming Saturday night dance, Jessica Stalmack, junior, gets her hair highlighted in preparation for her hair style. Jessica went to Gaia Salon in Schererville for every dance. "I really trust the girl who does my hair," Jessica said. "It always turns out really good and that's all that really matters at the time."

Movie mania

Working on her *Lord of the Rings* collection, Amy Heaney, junior, spends her weekends shopping for new artifacts. Amy would buy new figurines whenever she had money to spare. "I used to have a special place for all of them," Amy said. "Now I have so much that I just put it all over my room."

All work and no play

From dishes to laundry, students continued to spend hours on the household activities.

31% freshmen spend 2-3 hours on their chores
1% sophomores spend more than 4 hours at home doing chores
53% juniors engage in less than 1 hour of chores to interrupt their weekends
8% seniors endure 3-4 hours of household chores on the weekends

285 students surveyed
on April 1



Culture shock

After spreading out her research on cults, Lyndsay Langbehn, junior, finds the connection between good intentions and evil outcomes. Lyndsay spent numerous weekend hours working on the long awaited English 11 research paper. "We all heard about the horrors of the second semester junior research paper," Lyndsay said. "We ended up spreading out the work over six weeks, so it wasn't as overwhelming."

Clearing the Air

High in the air, Ashley Taylor, sophomore, practices her trampoline routine on the weekends. Ashley qualified for the World Championship in Germany in October. "I loved working on my routine," Ashley said. "It was a great way for me to stay in shape, and it improved every time I worked at it."





Solo style

Students pass up time with friends and family in an attempt to get things done

After a stressful week at school, students tried to settle down at home. Although teens relied on friends and family to help keep them calm, others tried to do things alone to relax their mind, or to try and catch up on unfinished work.

Whether doing homework, laundry or scrapbooking, students like Kristi Smith, senior, enjoyed spending time alone by splurging on shopping sprees.

"Shopping allowed me to spend time away from all the crazy activities of high school," Kristi said. "It was also a time that I could just relax and enjoy."

While kids spent their time at home or in the store, junior Kim Markovich headed outdoors to run off some of the extra stress added to her life throughout the week.

"I was really influenced by my friends to run because they were all runners," Kim said. "I know I'm not the most serious person when it came to running, but it was really just a good thing for your body and you just got into a good place to think while you were running."

For time alone, students tended to head to tanning salons. Whether they planned on tanning for prom, a vacation or just to get better color, Andrew Moffitt, senior, and Natalie Samano, junior, found themselves darkening their skin at Sunseekers just a few blocks from school.

"I usually only went tanning before dances or vacations," Natalie said. "I loved looking tan in my dresses. It just added to looking good. Other than that, I used it to relax and calm myself down about once a month."

With all the other important things to do on the weekends, students looked forward to staying out late and sleeping in. Saturdays provided a chance for some extra sleep.

"I made up for sleeping time that I lost during the week," Kim said. "Every Saturday, I woke up at the crack of 2 p.m., but Sundays, on the other hand, were workout days. So I usually got up around 6 a.m., weather depending."

Whatever the case or whatever students chose to do with their free time, they counted on weekends as "me" time. Sometimes the best time they spent, students spent alone.

Back and forth

With her mind set on her abs, Kim Markovich, junior, cools down with crunches after a Saturday afternoon run. Kim ran 3 miles every morning when the weather allowed. "I created several different courses around my neighborhood," Kim said. "I drove around the courses and calculated the total amount of miles I had run."



When the weekend arrives, students use their time to socialize, fraternize or to simply

Friend_a hand

Once the final bell rang at 2:45 p.m. on Fridays, students poured out of the school and felt a sense of relaxation. The weekend finally arrived, giving students time to spend with friends.

Showplace 16 became a popular venue Friday and Saturday nights. Restaurants close to the Showplace such as Buffalo Wild Wings and Red Robin gave friends the opportunity to hang out once the movie ended.

"Most weekends my friends and I would go to Showplace," Emily Lyness, freshman, said. "Afterwards, we always went back to someone's house or got something to eat."

Videogames combined with exercise became a lifestyle for juniors Bennis Pavisian and Chris Ondo. Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) consisted of a pad that students danced on. Bennis and Chris spent six or more hours on the weekend playing the interactive Japanese game.

"One of the reasons why I played DDR was because it kept me in shape," Chris said. "It was a great way to exercise."

From walking to practicing a sport, friends found ways to spend time together while keeping in shape. Mike Shideler, senior, and Tom Cafmeyer, freshman, refined their tennis skills at Matchpoint for two hours every Sunday night.

Coffee shops gave friends time for some rest and relaxation. Starbucks and the Muse, located in Lansing, provided students with a chance to finish a project or listen to local bands.

"Going to the Muse was always a lot of fun because basically everyone got along and had a fun time hanging out together," Erica Ranade, junior, said. "The music was also amazing."

Playing cards during the night allowed friends to participate in a little competition. Popular games included Texas Hold 'Em, Black Jack and Seven-Card Stud.

"Sometimes when we played, the time would fly by," Matt Kasenga, senior, said. "One time we started playing at 7 p.m. and before I knew it, it was 1 a.m."

Once the weekend came and went, students poured back into the building Monday morning to get to class before the 7:45 a.m. bell rang. Only 103 hours stood between the students and the upcoming weekend.



Keyed up

Reaching into her purse, Stephenie Brajak, junior, searches for the keys to her gray Jeep Grand Cherokee. On occasion, Stephenie would drive her boyfriend Brian Hayes, senior, to and from school.



Crazy eights

With pocket eights, Drew Koessler, junior, calls junior Trevor Clippert's bet. "A bunch of us would get together and play cards during Saturday night," Drew said. "It was a good way to pass the time with friends."

In tune

At the Muse in Lansing, Joe Hunt, junior, plays "The Stain" with *Calgary*. The band also performed at St. Anne's in Lansing and at the Congress Theatre in Chicago.



Listen up

During the Sectional game against Griffith, juniors Dan Grunewald, Dan Lewis and Bojan Rajkovic discuss the previous play.

Dancing machine

Focused on the TV screen, juniors Bennis Pavisian and Chris Ondo dance to "Sandstorm" on Dance Dance Revolution pads. They spent over six hours during the weekend dancing to over 300 different songs.

Five friendly functions

From Showplace 16 to Seven-Card stud, 518 students chose their top five weekend activities with friends.

5. ^{17%} played videogames
4. ^{21%} headed to the mall
3. ^{23%} played cards
2. ^{38%} ate at restaurants
1. ^{40%} went to the movies

518 students surveyed
April 1

Child's play

As a favor for his mother, Jared Flahaven, junior, takes care of his little brother Micah. Jared often found himself baby-sitting when his parents could not. "I don't really mind baby-sitting," Jared said, "but sometimes it cut into my other activities, which could be a problem."

The Facts of —life—

Whether enjoying a short weekend vacation or a simple family game night, students debated the importance of family time

21% of students had a family day

8% considered time with family as a waste of hours

47% believed family time to be mildly important

45% considered time with family as really important

125 students surveyed
March 29



Round table

Elbows on the dinner table, Clare McCullough, freshman, enjoys a dinner with her family. Clare's brother Jeff graduated in 2003. "We tried to spend time with Jeff before he went off on his own," Clare said.

Rack it up

Foreign exchange student Gabriel Pomerancblum, senior, laughs about a shot with his host parents. "Of course it's not the same as my real family," Gabe said, "but it's the closest thing here in America."





Family focus

Casting away
preconceived
notions, students
settle in for

Brakes slowed the tire's rotation and the wheel spun unsteadily toward the curb. Eric Hutchings, freshman, learned that his family could be important when he needed to learn to drive.

"I found that my dad was really cool with the car," Eric said. "Of course, he was a little worried with me behind the wheel for the first time, but he decided to help me with my driving skills anyway."

The car became just one way to bond with parents during the coveted weekend hours.

"A lot of times just being with family is nice," Genevieve Grdina, junior, said. "My family knows me better than anyone else. I don't have to worry about anything except being myself."

On occasion Genevieve's family took time out of their days to get together for a family game night to play games such as monopoly or scrabble.

"My parents stress the importance of togetherness," Genevieve said. "It can get annoying, but I doubt I'd like it any other way."

Not everyone agreed with Genevieve's views of family togetherness, though.

"I enjoy golfing with my dad," Mack Rawden, junior, said. "But I'd rather be hanging out with my friends. I'm an only child so it's nice to be with people my own age."

Mack found that friends provided a good release from the days he spent with his parents.

"I share some special things with my parents," Mack said. "But after a while I prefer being with peers because you can say all those jokes you have to hold back with parents."

Mack wasn't the only one confronted with the choice of spending time with family versus friends. Nilay Parikh, senior, faced this decision nearly every weekend.

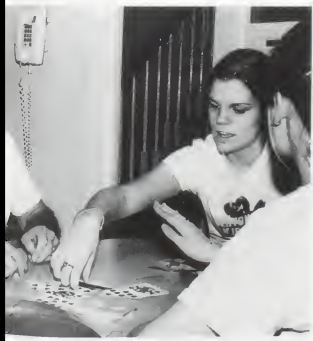
"Sunday was our family day, and I learned a great deal of our family heritage," Nilay said. "My parents told me stories about our ancestors and heritage, and surprisingly, it was interesting."

As the car came to a final stop, Eric's night concluded. The key turned and the car returned to its sedentary state as Eric found a renewed value for family.



Lane change

Before the first frame's start, Farris Pearson, junior, selects from the racks at Plaza Lanes in Highland. "My parents used to bowl a lot so I started bowling pretty early," Farris said. "Now it's something that we do together."



All in the family

In an attempt to pass the time, Brogan Guthrie, junior, plays cards with her family. Brogan found that cards offered something everyone could enjoy. "A card game was one of the few things that our family got together to do," Brogan said.

strike_a

round of applause for four bands performing every last

chord

Hands above their heads, juniors Trevor Clippert, Brandon Platt and David Pavkovich stood and clapped along to Bon Jovi's

"You Give Love a Bad Name" with classmate Jason Gott, lead singer of *Nocturne*.

Alongside, Andrew Sharp, junior, swayed to the beat while playing his bass guitar.

"Getting the crowd into your music is so important if you want to put on a great show," Andrew said. "When the crowd is clapping along, you can feel the energy onstage around you, and that's what the crowd likes. They remember that."

The energy *Nocturne* showed allowed them to claim First Place honors at the 17th annual Battle of the Bands.

A strong presence onstage was not limited to clapping hands, however. Junior Paige Papravak, lead singer for *Screaming Outside*, bounced around stage and jumped off the raised drum stand while singing "Inertiac ESP" by the Mars Volta. The fast paced music and expressive dancing helped the band capture second place in the competition.

"Dancing onstage lets you express yourself so much when you play music," Paige said. "People can really see how much you're into the music you play. You need to prove to the audience that you're there to show them something worth while."

Interaction with the audience continued with help from Matt Kasenga, senior, who donned a penguin costume and danced in the crowd during the finale of *Gordon Penguin Assault* of 68's set. The act brought on cheers and smiles.

"It was so much fun to dance around with everyone cheering around me," Matt said. "With [the penguin costume] on, no one could really tell who I was, and it was hilarious to just go crazy and mess with people."

Although none of the bands had appeared on the auditorium stage before, audience members seemed to enjoy the evening's performances.

"I was really impressed with all of the bands," Rachel Heinrich, sophomore, said. "It's cool to see school kids with a lot of talent in bands perform for you."

Pounding out the last lines of "Little Devil," *Nocturne* concluded their set to rapturous applause. Still standing, Brandon shouted in appreciation.

"That was awesome," Brandon said. "I come to Battle every year to listen to all the new bands. There's always something new to see here."

power player

Skillfully plucking the strings of his bass guitar, Andrew Sharp, junior, plays onstage with *Nocturne*. At the end of the night, *Nocturne* walked away with first place. "When our name was announced I screamed," Andrew said. "Winning put a big smile on all of our faces."

Presenting the winners

1st

Nocturne

2nd

Screaming Outside

3rd

County Road 210



silent scream

Ready to begin the performance of *Screaming Outside*, Paige Papravak, junior, calms her nerves. "Even though I've sung in front of lots of people before, I still got nervous," Paige said. "Getting relaxed helped your words come out much easier."



music appreciation

Clapping their hands, seniors Jim Bochnowski, Andrew Bridgeman and Justin Dal Corrobbo show support for *Gordon Penguin Assault of '68*. "They were great," Andrew said. "No other band had a mascot; that's what made the band."



strung out

Engrossed in his solo, Andrew Lee, senior, strums out the notes on his guitar during the opening of *Gordon Penguin Assault of '68's* performance. The band played varied pop music ranging from Phantom Planet, Maroon 5 and Incubus.



road to rock 'n roll

Focused on the music, Mike Hughes, sophomore, performs Oasis's "Wonderwall." *County Road 210* played acoustic rock, a stark contrast to the louder music played before them. "I just wanted to show the softer side of rock and roll," Mike said. "It's like bringing rock back to its roots."



fade to black

On rhythm guitar, Jason Gott, junior, plays out Metallica's "Four Horsemen." When the band first formed, they only played covers of Metallica songs. "When we told the crowd we were playing 'Four Horsemen,' I heard someone in the crowd yell 'It's about time!'" Jason said. "I think it's great when people really appreciate and enjoy the music you play."



Scene & Heard

Three productions showcase acting, dancing, singing skills

“ This year was unlike any other. The range of plays was so different and memorable.

”
Ryan Blanchard, sophomore

As the curtain rises, an older couple played by Lea Kilibarda, junior, and Andrew Bridgman, senior, discuss their children in *Turn Back the Clock*.

This opening scene signaled the start of the dramatic season on stage. From the novice play, used to introduce new actors to the stage, to a break-from-the-normal-dramatic-production with the fall musical *Snoopy!!!* and the murder mystery *The Spiral Staircase*, drama students got the chance to develop their acting, directing and behind-the-scenes technical skill.

Julie Kiekenapp, senior, directed her first production with *Turn Back the Clock*. As a new director, she didn't want anything to get left out, or anyone to get left behind.

“I and my assistant director, (Jenna Candiano, junior) got together and organized the auditions,” Julie said.



■ Watchful eye

On the floor, student directors of *Turn Back the Clock*, Julie Kiekenapp, senior, and Jenna Candiano, junior, watch for choreographic mistakes. “Choreographing ‘Clock’ was the most fun of the show,” Julie said. “It enabled me to make my cast bigger, and it got people up.”

“We had to cut the script, and work on the choreography. We wanted to do this show because it was fun and happy. It was a first because it wasn't a murder mystery like *Munster* is famous for.”

Turn Back the Clock brought a new face to acting. For Lea Kilibarda, junior, it signified her first leading role.

“I wanted to see if I could do it,” Lea said. “I worked hard to do the best I could and I wanted it to be a memorable experience.”

Following *Turn Back the Clock*, *Snoopy!!!* the fall musical, brought movie goes back to relive their childhoods. Martin Blumberg, junior, portrayed the lovable Charlie Brown.

“I was surprised to see my name up with the principle casts,” Martin said. “I was shocked because of how talented the other cast members were.”



■ Early to Bed

Comforted by her mother, senior Ashley Troumouliaris, sophomore Elyse Holloway reacts when her father yells at her. “I had to act like a brat,” Elyse said. “Mr. Palmer (David Pavlovich) was yelling about how my sister (Lea Kilibarda) was becoming more and more irresponsible and I had to stick up for her.”





■ When terror Calls

Overcoming her fear of speaking, Helen in *The Spiral Staircase*, played by Kim Dooley, sophomore, screams into the telephone receiver. "I had realized that I was left in the house with the murderer," Kim said. "I had to find somebody to help me."



■ Murder by Candlelight

Taken by surprise by the killer, Shobha Pai sophomore, rehearses the strangulation scene with Rod Oancea, senior. "Did I like being choked by Rod? No," Shobha said. "But I love acting, so you have to take the good with the bad."



Who & When

■ Turn Back the Clock

- Novice play
- Sept. 24-25
- Student director: Ashley Troumouliaris



■ Spiral Staircase

- Winter play
- Feb. 12-14
- Student director: Julie Kiekenapp



■ Snoopy!!!

- Fall musical
- Nov. 13-16
- Director: Larry Brechner



■ A tearful Good-bye

Drying her eyes, Sara Dobrinich, senior, reminisces with Ryan Szanyi, senior, and other fellow *Snoopy* cast members. "We had such a good time during this performance. It was sad to think that it was one of our last," Sara said.



Scene & Heard

continued

“ I thought *Turn Back the Clock* was cute. It's not Tennessee Williams, but it was a play that would bring people to the theater.

”
David Pavkovich, junior

I've gone from supporting roles to student directing, and I think that being one of the leads was by far been the biggest challenge; you were there to hold up the show itself.”

One senior also faced one of her biggest challenges with *Snoopy!!!* Ashley Troumouliaris said that she had problems connecting with her character, Snoopy.

“The other characters were people that readers of the comic strip could relate to. I portrayed Snoopy to the best of my ability. Playing a male dog forced me to push myself to the outer limits,” Ashley said.

According to Kim Dooley, sophomore, *Snoopy* went in an entirely different direction from *Spiral Staircase*.

“Being Woodstock in *Snoopy* and then being Helen in *Spiral Staircase* was a total turnaround,” Kim said. Kim also had a supporting role in the Novice play, *Turn Back the Clock*, as Phyllis.

“I liked the contrast of the different plays. It gave the actors space to try out different aspects of their talent.”

As the audience applauded the end of the final performance and the crimson curtain fell to the floor for the night, the cast joined together to relive memories and embarrassing moments. For many seniors this would be their final Spirit Circle; a time for the cast to relax and enjoy their accomplishments.

“At Circle, we all bonded together for one last time,” Rod Oancea, senior, said. “It was a great way to have things that you had forgotten repeated, and then we would laugh twice as hard.”

Participating in theater productions helped form friendships and strengthened existing bonds.

“We spent so much time in rehearsals,” Julie Kiekenapp, said. “You couldn't help become friends with everyone. The shows brought us closer together, and I'm thankful for that.”



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■ Dressed to Kill

With murderous thoughts in mind, the Professor, played by Rod Oancea, senior, contemplates his next victim. “Being the killer in *Spiral Staircase* was a fun role,” Rod said. “It had a lot of mystery behind it.”



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■ Eye on the Prize

Getting made up for his role in *The Spiral Staircase*, Ryan Blanchard, sophomore, gets ready to go on stage. “I really didn't like the makeup part of theater,” Ryan said. “But it had to be done.”

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■ Over the Top

Writing her novel in *Snoopy*, Ashley Troumouliaris, senior, sits atop her doghouse. “I was glad to play such a nontraditional character,” Ashley said.





■ Just for Show

To show by example, Jordan Barnes, junior, and Ashley Troumouliaris, senior, illustrate a complicated lift. "I loved doing lifts. You and your partner had to be on the same wave length for it to work," Ashley said.



■ Swing of Things

With hands held, juniors Michelle Becka and Joel Barnes, calculate where their next move will be. "The dance scenes in *Turn Back the Clock* were fun," Michelle said. "We used music from *Chicago*; it fit perfectly."



■ Think it Over

Thinking of years to come, juniors, Lea Kilbarda and David Pavkovich discuss the future for their characters in *Turn Back the Clock*.



■ Lie and Wait

With watchful eyes, the cast of *Turn back the Clock* pays close attention to the action on center stage. Sitting down gave the actors a short break between their dancing scenes. "I liked the dance sequences," Lea Kilbarda, junior, said. "They made the play flow, but sometimes you needed a rest."



Alex Grantner, senior



Amanda Pogach, junior



Carolyn Jania, senior

Love & War

The sound of music echo through auditorium as Maria leads cast

“Playing a child made it really easy to get into character everyday.”

Amanda Pogach, junior

As 7:30 p.m. hit on Friday night, Christina Domenico, junior, walked through the auditorium doors to watch her friends act in *The Sound of Music*.

Just then, she got stopped by head of Auditorium Staff, Nicole Cacich, junior. “You’ll have to wait until the end of the scene,” Nicole said. “It is ‘Labs’ specific orders to not enter until the lighting changes. It would screw up the whole camera shot.”

Besides the drama at the door, the students experienced drama on stage while Sara Dobrinich, senior, starred in her third musical in the spring production of *The Sound of Music*.

“I really enjoyed playing Maria,” Sara Dobrinich, senior, said. “I’ve been the lead the last three years, but this was by far the best performance. It was just so easy to get along with everyone in the cast.”

Choreographer Julie Ason, teacher at Protzman in Dyer, made the dancing easier for all dancers, according to Alex Grantner, who played Captain Von Trapp in the production.

“She was very patient,” Alex said.

“It was amazing the things she could make us do.”

Between the singing and the dancing, play time remained for the cast. Three of the seven children of Captain Von Trapp’s came from local elementary schools.

“I loved having the kids around,” Brigita, Amanda Pogach, junior, said. “It took off a lot of the musical stress and gave us time to play and act like kids again, even though we aren’t.”

Playing took away more than just the stress. It also detracted from concentration. According to Amanda, the funniest part of practice included the numerous times that she would not hear her cue from Captain Von Trapp to call her onto stage.

“Alex would get so mad,” Amanda said. “The funniest part had to be the practices, but luckily all the microphones worked just in time for opening night, so I didn’t miss any cues.”

When the scene was finally over and the clock hit 7:48 p.m., Christina, her friends and 35 other people settled into their seats and watched as *The Sound of Music* continued.



■ ■ ■ ■ Call to Order

In order to be addressed in the Von Trapp household, maid Genevieve Grdina and butler Martin Blumberg, juniors, listen for their whistles. “I think I spent just enough time on stage,” Martin said. “I got to talk and play a part.”



■ ■ ■ ■ Hope and Pray

Receiving a blessing from senior Lindsey Ellingsen, Dani Gillund, senior, gets onto her knees. The church-based scene was one of the basics in the spring musical. “I enjoyed being a nun,” Dani said. “It was a different type of part for me, it wasn’t big, but it was fun.”

■ ■ ■ ■ It's a Wrap

With opening night just one day away, Director Larry A. Brechner, gives his final directing notes to the cast. “This was the third and best time that I directed *The Sound of Music*,” Mr. Brechner said. “The people were great and easy to work with. It turned out to be amazing.”





■ ■ ■ Falling in Love

Lost deep in each other's eyes, Carolyn Jania, senior, and Scott Vandersteen, junior, sing "I Am 16 Going On 17". "This part was like no other that I had had before," Scott said. "It was really nice to be so involved, even in a love scene."

■ ■ ■ Talk it Over

Discussing marriage issues, Andrew Bridgman and Ashley Troumouliaris, seniors, act in the spring musical. "I'm used to playing an older part," Andrew said. "But most of the time it was so enjoyable that I really didn't care."



■ ■ ■ Dance all Night

As Captain Von Trapp, played by Alex Grantner, twirls Maria, Sara Dobrinich, around the floor, the two fell madly in love. Mrs. Julie Ason, choreographer, made the dancing possible. "I think she was easy to work with," Alex said.

■ ■ ■ Line it Up

Raising seven kids in the 1940s, Alex Grantner, playing Captain Von Trapp, attempts to keep them in line with his whistle. "Playing a kid made it a lot easier to get into character," Amanda Pogach, junior, said. "It was a lot more fun then being an adult."

Alex Castaneda,
Kim Balzer, seniors



All Nykiel, junior



Bridget Parker, freshman

“
I didn't think
I had ever
taken so
many
pictures in
my life.”
”

**Amanda
Shike,
senior**

Royal & Ready

Ready to dance the night away, students put on their bests

Hairspray and perfume hung thick in the air as Kristina Kesely, senior, closed the zipper to her yellow formal gown and prepared for Prom. Staring into the mirror, it occurred to her that the scene felt oddly familiar.

Not only had the dress belonged to her grandmother in 1962 and been passed down to her mother, but Kristina had worn it the night before.

Though girls spent the Friday before Prom making sure their dresses fit and their accessories matched, Kristina had done more than just try the dress on. She'd worn it to her wedding.

"I'd gone to dances before, but never as a married couple," Kristina said. "It was that much more emotional for me."

After a Friday night wedding at the Crown Point Government Center, Kristina and her husband Private First Class Ryan Stewart made Prom their unofficial celebration.

Due to his position as a paratrooper in the United States Army, and his assignment to a 50-mile radius of Fort Bragg, NC, before possible deployment to Iraq, the wedding had been finalized just two weeks before the dance.

"This dance was unlike any other for an obvious reason," Kristina said. "As we walked down the Grand March, everyone applauded for his uniform. He looked so handsome, and I'll never forget it."

Though not usually as much of a milestone as an after-wedding celebration, dances provided students with memorable experiences, good and bad. For freshmen, homecoming served as the first opportunity for a truly formal dance.

"We were all so excited to finally get to go dress shopping, get our hair done, and have guys try to act like good dates," Katie Szafasz, freshman, said.

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■ ■ ■ Off and Away

Sharing their last Prom as seniors together, Nick Cosme and Christina Largus hold their slow dance an extra second. With Frank Sinatra's "Come Fly with Me" as the dance's theme, couples found themselves surrounded by relics from old black and white movies.



■ ■ ■ Rock the Vote

Ready to turn in their ballots for Prom king and queen, juniors Taryn Lotak and Drew Koessler, vote as they enter the dance. "I wanted to vote for everyone," Taryn said.

■ ■ ■ Black and White

Tired after spending the night on the Prom dance floor, Joe Kewitz, senior, gives his date a quick massage, while keeping with Prom's black and white theme.





■ Crowned with Glory

Crowned Prom Queen by Junior CEC vice president Alli Chelgren, Amanda Shike, senior, accepts the position. "I was so surprised to be nominated after being on Homecoming Court," Amanda said.



■ Dance and Dip

With Nancy Bielfeldt, senior, in his arms, Chetan Chaubal, junior, dances to swing music. "We dance together at least once at every dance," Chetan said. "I always dip her. It's almost like tradition."

■ Fall in Line

Completing the conga line, sophomore Kim Dooley, juniors Joel Barnes and Erica Ranade, and seniors Matt Kasenga and Ashley Troumouliaris link together.



Twist & Shout



Juniors Spelios Bacoyanis and Stephanie Frank

■ Homecoming

- Oct 3
- A *Night on Mount Olympus* theme
- Student Government sponsored in the Commons

■ Turnabout

- Jan. 24
- *Midsummer Night's Dream* theme
- 207 couples attended
- Cheerleaders sponsored in the Commons

Paige Popravak, junior



Juniors Michelle Becka and Shawn McCullough

■ Prom

- April 24
- *Come Fly with Me* theme
- 262 couples attended
- Junior CEC sponsored at Villa Cesare

Royal & Ready

continued

"I couldn't wait to get my pictures back. It was nothing like middle school dances used to be."

For a change of pace, Turnabout allowed girls to ask dates of their choice. This took some of the pressure off the boys and alleviated the typical drain on their wallets.

"I was happy to finally not have to spend the money I usually did," Thomas Paliga, sophomore, said. "With two or three dances a year, the price started to add up. I was more than happy to let my date take over."

Prom gave the upperclassmen a chance to enjoy a dance floor to themselves. The usual crowd at Homecoming and Turnabout left students wishing for more room.

With the elimination of the freshmen and sophomores, Prom's location at Villa Cesare in Schererville freed up some dance space.

"It was nice because everywhere I turned on the dance floor at Prom, I saw a familiar face," Erica Ranade, junior, said. "The change of location and the DJ's visual projection system really set the dance apart."

With prom ticket prices at \$70 per

couple, students hoped for good food and equally good music. The two didn't always come together, according to David Chen, junior.

"The food was terrible," David said. "It was like they ripped apart hundreds of TV dinners and served them to us."

Acting as chaperones, the teachers watched over student behavior. Though they attended to do a job, not all confined themselves to chairs.

"All I remember was looking over and seeing Mr. Lehnerer jumping to House of Pain's 'Jump Around,'" David Porter, junior, said. "I've seen him in class, and I couldn't believe he was dancing."

Dancing teachers made up just one of the surprises encountered during the three dances.

The weather had students flustered during Prom and Homecoming as they rushed to avoid the rain and salvage their outfits and their hair.

Stepping out into the rain-filled air, Kristina and her husband Ryan held hands and headed to the car. Prom had ended, but their life as a married couple had yet to begin.

"Prom was one last time for all upperclassmen to be together, one last time to hang out.

"Zak Boswell, junior



Line of Royalty

While the prospect of becoming Prom Queen hangs over head, seniors Amanda Shike, Sara Dobrinich, Kara Clark, Julie Bassetto, and Amanda Achter wait for the crown from the Junior CEC president Kristina Standley

Stared and Spangled

While deciding where to take pictures, Taylor Hopkins, junior, and Marissa Zoppetti, freshman, discuss the Midsummer Night's Dream decorations. As a cheerleader, Marissa had to help with Turnabout planning and setup.



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■ Rain or Shine

In the midst of a downpour, Ryann Perlinski, senior, dashes into Prom at Villa Cesare in Schererville.

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■ Swing of Things

Swing music blaring, juniors Zak Boswell and Jessie Stalmack dance during Turnabout. "Most guys didn't know how to dance," Zak said. "That freed up a lot of girls."



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■ Arm in Arm

As a married couple, Kristina Kesely, senior, and her husband Private First Class Ryan Stewart, attend Prom before Ryan returned to duty at Fort Bragg, NC.



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■ Early and Curly

Before couples arrived, seniors Julia Konopasek, Emily Alberti and Pete Trgovich wait for the crowd.



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■ Ready to Go

Prepared to enter Prom, seniors Danielle Jordan and Chris Gonzalez leave the party bus behind. Opting to take party buses or limos eliminated the hassle of parking in the rain at Villa Cesare.

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■ Touch of Class

During their first dance as Prom King and Queen, seniors Wally Cirafesi and Amanda Shike take center stage. "Of course I was surprised at being voted Prom King," Wally said. "It was just kind of like the icing on the cake."



George Behrens, senior



Brandi Bishop, senior



Ryann Perlinski, senior

Check & Go

After four years, seniors give last words of wisdom

“Learn to make the most out of what you’ve got. Four years fly right by.”

Kathy Ntiamoah, senior

1. “You should spend as much time as you can with your friends and get involved. Those four years go by so fast. It’s a shame if you don’t.” **Elise Eldert, senior**
2. “Always avoid Mr. Tripinfeldas.” **Chris Wey, senior**
3. “Don’t get caught up with all of the gossip. Learn who your real friends are, and remember them.” **Leah Shaffer, senior**
4. “Don’t be judgmental, and just don’t judge anybody.” **Alex Jacobs, senior**
5. “Just be yourself, and don’t change. Also, don’t ever eat the Oriental bar, or any ‘bar’ for that matter.” **Nedra Stuart, senior**
6. “Never miss a party. Try and have as much fun as you can while you’re stuck here.” **Dustin Bothwell, senior**
7. “Life is like a baby. You can’t make it alone.” **Paul Cowgill, senior**



■ ■ Ready and Waiting

While waiting to enter the gym for the graduation ceremony, seniors Tony Spinoza and Joe Socka relax in the Food Court. Seniors waited in classrooms, the auditorium, and the Food Court before being seated in front of their friends and relatives.



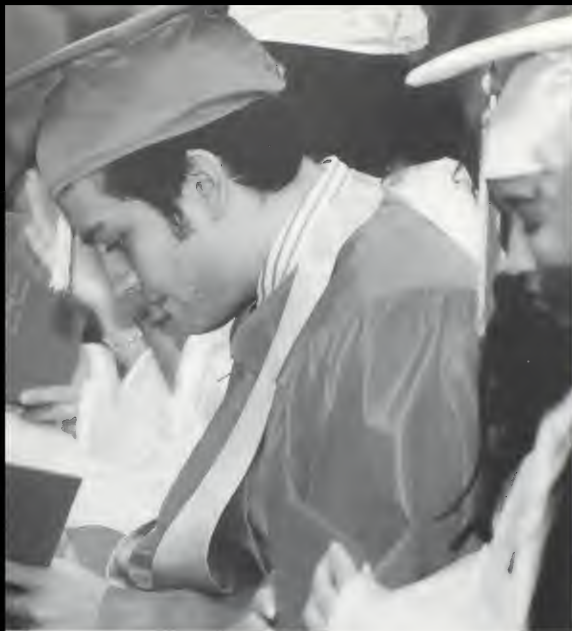
■ ■ Toss and Flip

Immediately after Daniel Ogren, senior, received his diploma, Mr. Steve Tripinfeldas directed the graduates to signify their accomplishment as seniors Rod Oancea, Kate Mikels and Billy Lewis move their tassels to the left.

■ ■ Circle of Life

As part of the Concert Choir, Kim Balzer, senior, and Emilee Vandersluijs, junior, sing “Circle of Life” after Andrew Lee’s Valedictorian address.





■ Check of Reality

Double checking his diploma, Mike Celozzi, senior, takes his seat after returning from the stage.



■ Exchange of Hands

Receiving his diploma, Bryan Adams, senior, exchanges hands with David Schneider, School Board member. The School Board helped pass out diplomas to the 350 graduating seniors.



Andrew Lee,
Valedictorian



Paul Cowgill,
Salutatorian

When & Where

■ Commencement

- June 6, 2004
- 1 p.m.
- Fieldhouse
- 38th Commencement exercise

■ Valedictorian

- Andrew Lee
- GPA 4.631

■ Salutatorian

- Paul Cowgill
- GPA 4.619

■ Class Officers

- Emily Stine, President
- Nicole Bland, Vice-President
- Ryann Perlinski, Secretary
- Jill Young, Treasurer
- Mr. Marc Lehnner, Class Sponsor

■ Feet first

Practicing SCUBA diving for Project Bio, Jason Dillon, senior, enters the pool. By using the pool, students gained experience with equipment before heading to Big Pine Key, Florida for the real thing.



■ Weighted grades

Tentatively anchoring a bucket containing 15 pounds, Heather Haneman, junior, tests to see if her bridge in physics class will support the load. With a 10-pound requirement, students felt pressured to meet the minimum. Each pound beyond 10 earned two points of extra credit.



Reflecting on reality

Moans and groans turned to "oohs" and "aahs" as students learn to make the impractical practical

Furrowing his eyebrows, Eric LaMagdeleine, junior, stared blankly at a large triangle labeled with seemingly foreign words. "Sin" meant little more to him than the red octagon on the street corner labeled "stop," and "cosine's" definition still remained elusive. In frustration he looked toward Mrs. Pat Premetz, math teacher, and asked, "Am I ever going to use this?"

Students searched for relevance in more than just math classes. Andrew Graves, junior, wore an "empathy" belly as part of Child Development class.

The belly consisted of a 35-pound water filled pouch complete with lead balls, used to simulate pregnancy.

Though Andrew could never experience pregnancy first hand, the belly allowed him to gain insight into the complications pregnant women experienced.

"I didn't really want to wear the belly," Andrew said, "But when I'm older, my wife will probably thank me for taking the class, and I won't regret it."

Upperclassmen questioned their classes' purposes less often than underclassmen. As students gained more room for electives, suspect classes showed up less on schedules.

Spanish 2 students complained more frequently than Spanish 4 students,

according to Mr. Paul LaReau, Spanish teacher.

"I tried to show kids that Spanish was a lot more useful than they might have thought," Mr. LaReau said. "Many of them spent hours watching major league baseball and never realized that Spanish was the first language of half the team. By the time I got to my Spanish 4 kids, they pretty much got the point."

With a sigh of frustration Eric gave the confusing triangle one last look. Though he failed to grasp the "sin" and "cosine" concept, he did come to terms with a broader realization.

"I know that I'll never really get math, but it's teaching me more than I'd like to admit," Eric said. "I've learned that I can't be good at everything, and some things take a lot of hard work in return for something comparatively small."





■ Being babied

Carefully bathing a baby in Child Development, Julie Kiekenapp, senior, applies class curriculum to an actual situation. "I have a six-month-old godson, so I wasn't nervous around the baby," Julie said. "The class helped me a lot when I was baby-sitting him."



■ Well rounded

Empathy belly pulling on his back, Andrew Graves, junior, leans into the wall to alleviate some of the pressure. As one of the only boys in Child Development, Andrew learned to appreciate women's issues. "I'll be a lot more inclined to support my wife," Andrew said. "It was worth it, even if I did get crazy stares in the hallways."

■ Sweet rewards

M&M's in hand, Jamie Zlamal, junior, uses candy to experiment with circle areas and diameters in Honors Pre-Calculus. After using the candy to find the effects of area on diameter, Mrs. Pat Premetz, math teacher, allowed the students to eat the candies. "I think we all understand everything better when food's involved," Jamie said.



■ Real choices

While deciding whether to purchase a Honda Civic or a sports coup, Mara Maddocks, freshman, takes part in the Guidance Department sponsored "Reality Store."

■ Trial run

Acting as an attorney in junior English, Eric LaMagdeleine questions Allison Chelgren, as Katie Harvey serves as the judge. Honors 11 English classes simulated a courtroom environment to gain a better understanding of the characters' motives in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.



■ Guiding light

Figuring out what classes to take for the coming year, Kurtis Bruhn, sophomore, listens to guidance counselor Mrs. Carol Florence's advice. Early December scheduling left many students changing next year's class load before the end of the year.



■ Helping hand

Carefully writing down the answer, Greg Schmitt, freshman, receives help on his math assignment from Joey Domenico, freshman. "If I had nothing to do in study hall, I usually ended up helping my friends with their work," Joey said.



Pressed with stress

As students fill their schedules with challenging courses, they find themselves dealing with stress

After a 30 minute Student Government meeting, Lea Kilibarda, junior, headed off to Dance Team practice that could last until 9 p.m. When she returned home, she found herself left with hours of homework, which included a Spanish 4 history test, 30 pages of AP United States History and a 25-question Honors Pre-Calculus assignment.

"At some point, I realized that it was just too much," Lea said. "I knew I had to do something so I could have a balanced schedule."

Lea decided to take a break from Dance Team and dropped Honors Pre-Calculus in order to loosen up some of her work load.

"I don't regret what I did," Lea said. "I looked at my priorities and realized I wasn't going to do anything related to math in my future, so I realized that was the best class for me to drop."

Phil Shapiro, junior, took a more balanced approach to his schedule at the beginning of the year. According to Phil, dividing his classes into three challenging and three less challenging courses suited his needs the best.

"I knew I couldn't handle taking all difficult classes," Phil said. "If I wanted to stay involved in speech and

the plays, then I couldn't have a schedule that was too overwhelming."

With one year left, Jonathan Benedek, senior, decided not to stress over his schedule and opted to take less challenging classes.

"I still took all of my required classes," Jonathan said. "But I decided to take electives that I thought would be easy or that I knew some of my friends would also be taking."

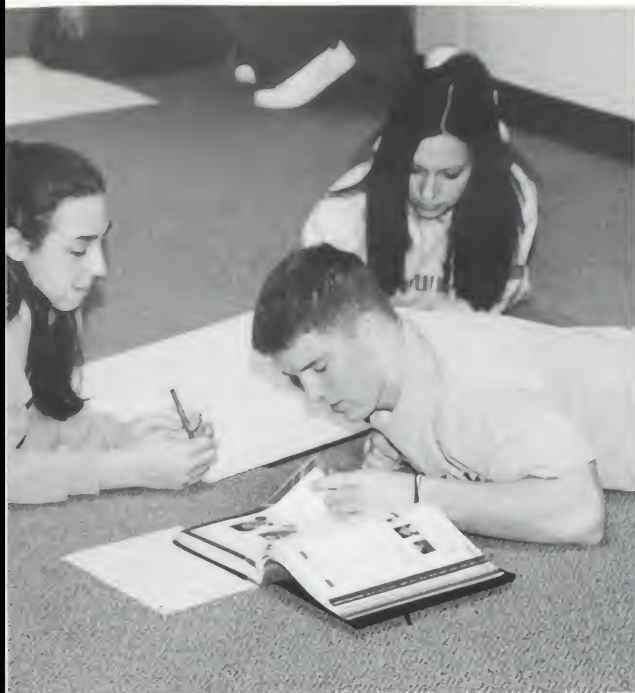
As the clock hit midnight, Lea still found herself only halfway through her assignments.

After falling asleep at 1 a.m., she forced herself out of bed at 5:15 a.m. to finish her work and prepare for school.

■ Strung out

Focused on her sheet music, Amanda Bacoyanis, freshman, gets tested on her bass playing abilities. Orchestra students played their piece in front of Mr. Han and received grades according to how well they sounded.





■ Lost in translation

Looking for information, sophomore Billy Stuart attempts to finish his Spanish 3 poster with sophomores Jackie Yerga and Lauren Gaskey

■ Test troubles

During a quiz in Algebra 2, Joe Bridgman, sophomore, finishes writing his equation down. "No one was in the mood to take a test on the day of the homecoming," Joe said.



Big stress test

From being a worrywart to a slacker, find out how you how much you stress when it comes to taking tests.

■ If you receive a D on a quiz or test you:

- think you've ruined your chances of getting into college
- have a conversation with the teacher about what you did wrong
- just put it in your folder and act like it never existed

■ When you don't know an answer to a question on a test you:

- act like your cracking your neck when your

- really trying to get answers off the smart kid
- come back to it later
- just skip it all together

■ When a teacher announces she is giving a test tomorrow, you:

- ask the teacher a bunch of questions while simultaneously writing in your notebook
- tell yourself you will go over the notes at home
- hope the teacher is bluffing and therefore don't study

■ Stressed out

After receiving a worksheet in United States Government, Mike Lee, senior, stresses out about the amount of homework he has to complete.

mostly a's: you take school very seriously and are somewhat of a worrywart
mostly b's: you don't stress but realize that participating and studying lead to good grades
mostly c's: school isn't a major priority in your life



■ Focused on fire

Concentrating on their burning crucible, Melissa Kerzner, senior, and Ashley Cook, sophomore, watch for a reaction to occur while in Chemistry class. Students found problems when remembering about a lab day after arriving at school.

■ Poke around

Carefully opening her potato, Shannen Davis, junior, holds it away from her face and props it open with a knife. Students learned how to handle hot food when it came out of an oven. "Although it still felt hot, opening it with a knife was a better idea. I never would have thought to have put it on a scoop to stop from burning my hands either," Shannen said.



■ Barrel of fun

To avoid throwing out his back, Nick Cosme, senior, pushes a wheel barrow instead of picking up the cargo in botany under Mr. John Edington's watchful eye.

■ Under pressure

Carefully monitoring the air in his tank, Justin Libak, senior, practices his dives in the school pool as he gets ready for Project Bio's spring trip to Florida.





■ Hot stuff

Pouring hot liquid into a pan, seniors Chad Holajter and Pete Trgovich practice safety in foods class by using oven mitts. Safety remained the number one concern of foods teacher Mrs. Linda Scheffer. "Whenever we used anything hot, we had to use oven mitts," Chad said. "Sometimes it was a pain, but I never got burned so I guess it was worth it."

Books weigh in

With all the books a student carried on his back, the weight added up. The heaviest texts include:

1. AP Art History	10.5 lbs
2. AP Biology	7.0 lbs
3. AP Calculus	6.0 lbs
4. Literature book	6.0 lbs
5. AP U.S. History	5.5 lbs

With an eye to safety

With goggles, shoes, belts and jewelry to worry about, thoughts turn to safety first and fashion second

Walking down the hall, junior Scott Vandersteen heads to chemistry class. Looking down at his shoes, he realized they were open-toed, a luxury the chemistry lab didn't afford.

Along with the opened-toed shoes, food, drinks and baggy clothes all broke the rules of the chemistry labs.

"I hated having a lab day," Scott said. "It was really irritating, but on the other hand I knew that by doing it I was protecting myself."

With all the problems that occurred during school hours, all safety precautions had been taken.

Keeping students in shape caused mandatory gear in gym. The rules of no jewelry and gym shoes helped maintain a safe place for everyone to work out.

According to Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, Munster had one of the best weight rooms in the state. Maintaining the weight room and the health of the students using it, caused rules to be strictly enforced.

"When students wore jewelry, you ran the risk of someone getting stuck

or even pulling out an earring," Miss Paula Malinski, physical education teacher, said. "It was just safer in the long run for everyone in class."

After a year of gym, and the need to work out further, students took weight training to keep in shape. Coach Marsh demanded students to take a regular check of pulse and wear a "hernia belt" when lifting weights.

According to David Porter, junior, the belt kept kids from throwing out their lower backs while lifting. The belt comprised of a simple device that goes around a student's waist and kept their backs in line. Students looked at the belt as a hassle, but in the long run it saved them from pain.

Walking into class, Scott understood the purpose of the shoe rule for safety in the lab. As students continue to follow the rules, everyone maintained a degree of safety.

■ Strong support

While lifting weights during Weight Lifting class, taught by Coach Leroy Marsh, Elissa Porte, senior, takes deep breathes in and out. Also while lifting students used a hernia belt to keep their lower back in line. "I enjoyed Weight lifting," Elissa said. "Not only because it kept me in shape, but because it kept me safe."



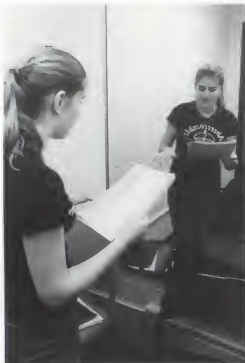
■ A pinch of change

Hands covered in clay, Lauren Cherrier, senior, molds her project in ceramics class. She like the lax atmosphere that the ceramic's room provided. "I appreciate classes like ceramics where you can just create," Lauren said. "You can really get your creative juices going because you're in a relaxing setting."



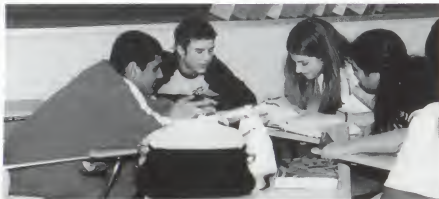
■ Picture perfect

Trying to perfect her arguments for her upcoming debate, Katie Taylor, freshman, practices her volume and diction. It took Katie two days to prepare for the debate, including class time alone. "That room is good for practicing debates because you have a mirror and no one is there to distract you," Katie said.



■ Gathered info

Attentively listening to his peers, John Bogaski, freshman, interprets his classmates' responses. Believing the discussion effective, Sonya Racich, freshman, received a lot from the group's discussion. "Those type of interactive discussions helped," Sonya said. "It helped you to get a better grasp on the material."

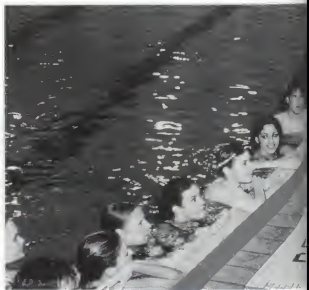


Room mate match

match each quote with the teacher's room

- "He had everything in the right order. Nothing could be out of place or else he'd realize it. That's what everyone loved about him." Kassandra Everette, freshman
- "That room was so cold. When you walked in, it just made you so uncomfortable."
Justine Bauer, senior
- "I guess it was not so much the room, but her. Her room didn't really have that many things to appeal to your eyes, but it was her voice. She had that voice like she was a sports announcer."
Gustavo Briceno, sophomore

- Mr. Paul LaReau
- Mrs. Linda Lemon
- Mr. Jeff Graves
- Mrs. Beth Vesa



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■ Scattered thoughts

Unaware of his surroundings, Errol Geberin, freshman, stares off. Surrounded by his carefree peers, Errol fell into his comfort zone. "Everyone didn't really feel stressed," Errol said, "In a way, that helped keep me comfortable."

■ Thinking corner

In his own corner, Milan Acamovic, senior, finds it hard to concentrate while reading the newspaper in study hall. The sporadic noise interrupted his thought process. "People were talking and making unnecessary noise," Milan said. "It was hard to concentrate in that type of surroundings."



Making rooms work

As students adapt to different classroom settings, their learning capabilities and interest correspond

Gathered around in a small group, students in Mr. Gary Davis' gym class casually conversed. The room brightly lit with its open space emitted a stress free atmosphere. Students talked to each other and even yelled without punishment. Because of their constant activity, students didn't have time to fall asleep like other classes.

"Gym was a fun class because you were not in a stuffy atmosphere," Devin Johnson, freshman, said. "It was so much better when you were not stuck in a desk staring at a chalkboard."

Different factors contributed to a classroom's appeal. Windows, for example, decided whether a student paid attention or not.

"I had a classroom before with no windows," Mrs. Florencia Stoll, spanish teacher said. "The kids never wanted to answer questions and everyone looked dead."

Another factor aiding in a student's ability to learn included visuals. When teachers taught certain material, posters helped reinforce the subject. Visuals also added originality in classrooms. This eliminated some of the repetition students endured.

"I hated it when you went from class to class and nothing had changed," Anton Shishkin, senior, said. "You had to go to six classes, five days a week for an hour almost every day," Anton said. "Teachers should've tried something new."

According to Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher, a student's enthusiasm linked directly to the classroom's environment. From a noisy atmosphere to a visually interesting room, the slightest variable could affect students' aptitude.

After the bell rang, students from Mr. Davis' class left the field house. Reluctant to go to their next class, the students lingered momentarily in the tension-free environment. Finally, dispersing in different directions, the students slowly became absorbed into their next classroom atmosphere.

■ Pool away

With ears slightly clogged, Ms. Paula Malinski's physical education class waits for further instruction. Breaking away from conventional textbooks and pencils, students found relief from conventional class setups. "The kids enjoyed being in the pool better than desks," Ms. Malinski said.

■ Inner circle

Ready to respond to a question during a Socratic seminar over *King Lear*, Laura Lautz, senior, raises her hand as Don Yamtich, senior, listens. "The seminars were kind of challenging," Laura said. "But they really focused you on the book."



■ Fruit frenzy

Working to prepare a fruit cocktail, seniors Kristie Drudge and Becky Triemstra use their hands in foods class. "Foods was a very hands-on class," Becky said. "You had to mix all the ingredients yourself because your grade depended on it."



Ideas by the handful

Through alternative classroom assignments, students move beyond the book to embrace their learning style

Quickly flipping through his notes, Justin Smith, junior, searches for the name of the man who killed John F. Kennedy. The 200 point Jeopardy question hung in the air as Mr. Mike Blaze, history teacher, counted down. With time running out, Justin raised his hand.

From Smartboards to Socratic seminars, students and faculty utilized different ways to learn material. Activities suited for each type of learner helped with grasping concepts.

"Most of my keyboarding assignments were done on keyboard," David Chen, junior, said. "It was so much easier than sitting down with a pen."

Still, some students preferred traditional written work, opting for a worksheet over jeopardy for a test review. They felt the easier written work could be done alone.

"I would rather do a worksheet in class than some group activity," Alison Patton, sophomore, said. "I usually got worksheets done really quickly by myself because I could concentrate better. It was just easier for me."

Students found a break from written work in the form of interactive assignments, ranging from creating chlorine gas in a chemistry lab, sculpting and painting a functional teapot in Ceramics 2, or participating in a heated Socratic seminar over the

effects of the Vietnam War in history.

"I think I understood our World War II chapter more after we had a Socratic seminar," Stephenie Brajak, junior, said. "The discussions made you really think about what you were learning."

However, other students preferred learning visually. In Mrs. Florencia Stoll's Spanish 3 class, students practiced with flash cards to study vocabulary and verb tenses.

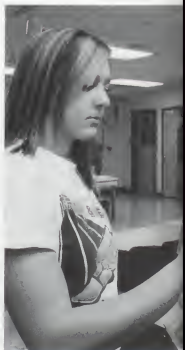
"Using the flash cards was probably the easiest for me," Alexa Harris, sophomore, said. "When I saw the verbs in front of me I could conjugate them right away; it was great."

Pausing, Justin thought about his answer. He finally responded with 'Lee Harvey Oswald'. After answering correctly, Justin's team took the lead.

With a 200-point difference between the first and second place teams, final jeopardy loomed ahead as Justin flipped through his notes again.

■ Power paint

Carefully replicating her stock image, Melissa Obszanski, senior, works on her painting in Advanced Painting class.





■ All smiles

Gently holding a freshly bathed baby, Katie Koren, junior, beams with affection. As a rare opportunity, students in Child Development washed and dried living babies. "Washing the babies was an experience," Katie said. "We had practiced on fake babies before, but when we had the real thing in front of us, you had to be extra careful."

■ Carving clay

Carefully scraping away clay, Elizabeth Osborne, junior, uses a tool to shape her sculpture in ceramics. With nearly every assignment molded in clay after drawn in sketchbooks, students used their hands and minds to shape their grade. "Ceramics was one of my favorite classes," Elizabeth said. "It gave you a lot of room to be creative with your assignments, and I liked that because I made what I wanted and got a grade for it."



■ Silent treatment

Focused on using the correct signs, Tom Burek, senior, speaks to his American Sign Language 2 class. "Signing in front of the class gave you the opportunity to show what you'd learned and what you needed to work on," Tom said.

■ Easy editing

With help from student teacher Miss Ada Anderson, Rachel Goscię, junior, cuts down her story for *Crier*. Because *Crier* was a student publication, students worked on individual stories by themselves as a part of a larger, published newspaper.

■ Catching up

In the last moments before her *Catcher in the Rye* test, Cristina Benavente, junior, tries to read all she can on her way to English class.

■ Lunch crunch

During the coveted lunch time hours, Ajay Patwari, sophomore, helps Ravi Shah, freshman, study for his upcoming biology test.

■ Study buddy

During study hall, Jeffrey Trgovich, senior, uses his time to go over his worksheets. "I try to use my time in school to get homework done, so I did not have as much to do at home," Jeffrey said.



■ Chit chat

Faced with an opportunity to study, seniors Chad Holajter, Roddy Oancea and Paul Cowgill choose to talk amongst themselves. "Often we would just talk or play cards during study hall," Roddy said. "We seldom used our time to study."





■ Dig in

Wrist-deep in filth, Melissa Jurich, junior, searches for her English book. "At first I tried to keep my locker neat," Melissa said. "Through the year things just piled up."

■ Catching up

Whether studying for an upcoming test or completing homework, students take advantage of the lunch break in the Commons for homework help.



Getting their act together

Though not always successful, students seek organization with backpacks, lockers and class time use

Struggling to find his homework, Drew Koessler, junior, sorted through a mess of crumpled papers stuffed in his math book. As the missing worksheet evaded him, Drew regretted the decision not to use a folder in Mrs. Kristine Mendoza's Pre-Calculus class.

Organization, or the lack there of, came in all forms. While some struggled to get to class because they couldn't find books in lockers, others found no problem with their locker situation.

Rachel Eldert, freshman, kept her locker clean and orderly.

"I found that keeping things organized allowed me to stay focused on the tasks I had at hand, rather than worrying about the disheveled state of my things," Rachel said.

Rachel found that staying organized aided her in her attempts to stay on top of her increased workload. Brent Fox, senior, resorted to alternative means to stay focused on the things he needed to get done each day.

"I liked to keep my agenda up to date and filled out completely," Brent said.

"Writing my assignments down allowed me to remember everything I had to get done. When I got home, I could just take it out and see what laid ahead of me, instead of straining myself trying to remember what had been assigned

earlier during the day."

Brent found an agenda more useful than writing on his hand or asking a friend for the assignment.

Not everyone took to the agenda as warmly. John Camp, junior, never saw the assignment notebook as a necessity.

"I did not like to use the agenda because I could just remember my homework," Jon said. "Also, I didn't keep a notebook in all my classes. I probably wouldn't look at them to study, anyway."

As the class began to go over homework, Drew finally retrieved the paper from his mess. He unfolded the sheet and caught up with the class.

Though he missed the first half of the answers during his search, that did not prove reason enough to invest in a folder, according to Drew.

"I just felt that folding papers was the simplest thing to do," Drew said. "I figured that a folder just made it harder because that would be just one more thing I had to remember to bring."

Altering^{the} usual tune

As teachers and students try alternative testing methods, they find themselves testing a different note

Answering the question correctly with "What is a warm front," Stephanie Perz, sophomore, scored 200 more points for her team, bringing them into first place. Playing Jeopardy as a review game was another way used to better student's understanding of given test material.

Teachers handed out tests in practically every classroom, in every shape and form. Though the format seemed to remain constant, review games changed and became more elaborate in each classroom.

"I liked playing Showdown in any of my classes," Matt Gifford, sophomore, said. "You learned things about the material that people probably didn't read in the chapter. It was a good way to teach things that you wouldn't normally study."

According to Mara Maddocks, freshman, and other orchestra, band and choir students, one type of test proved foolproof: playing and vocal tests.

"I played cello in the school orchestra," Mara said. "We would practice a certain song all week, and then we'd take playing tests to make sure we knew the music. It was physically impossible to cheat on this test."

In foreign language classes, oral and written tests reigned supreme. What type of learner a student was would determine the score.

Alex Pavkovich, sophomore, had a

different perspective.

"I did better on essay tests," Alex said. "I can understand what I was supposed to say and I could explain my ideas better."

When it came down to it, Mr. Paul LaReau, Spanish teacher, said that oral tests were harder to do well on, but the questions were usually easier.

"Students felt better about taking written tests because they had something in front of them," Mr. LaReau said. "But the scores were usually lower."

Whether binder tests got handed out in algebra, or Mr. Matthew Kalwasinski passed back his 'Not' tests in history, alternative testing methods kept students on their toes.

"I'd rather take a test other than Scantron," Erica Koselke said. "Though it was still a test, the change kept school fun."

■ Speak up

With microphone in hand, Rade Elek, junior, gave his opinion on *The Great Gatsby*. "We were discussing the symbolism of the green light," Rade said. "That was a good question because it got everybody talking."





■ On a different note

During after school hours, Sonja Vasic, freshman, and Emily Bradley, junior, practice El Camino Real for an upcoming concert. "I started playing clarinet in fifth grade because of my sister," Emily said. "She was really bad, so I had to show her up."

■ Greenhouse effect

Watering their store bought plants, Kim Markovich, junior, and Tyson Blake, senior, monitor the progress of the greenery. "Botany was a worthwhile class," Kim said. "I learned more about the pH of soil than I wanted to."



■ Self serve

Carefully scraping potatoes into a sizzling skillet, Madeleine Morley and Nick Smith, seniors, prepared a dish for their Foods 2 class. "I liked to cook and I liked to eat," Madeleine said. "And for the most part, I liked what we made."

■ School stuff

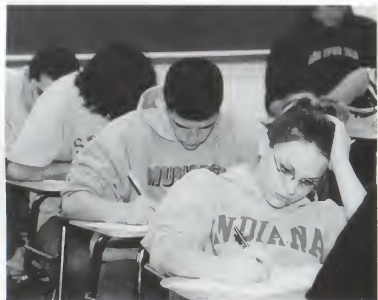
Helping customers, Chris Maloney, junior, double checks for the item that Daphne Pantazis, sophomore, is interested in buying. "I wanted to take Bookstore because I had heard it was fun from other kids," Chris said. "It gave me an idea of what it's like to have a real business."

■ Group dynamics

While performing group work in biology lab, freshmen Marissa Marshall, Joshua Bauer, and Jaymes Doyle, work on a poster for Mr. John Edington, biology teacher.

■ Timed out

Hastily gathering her thoughts, Danielle Gillund, senior, continues a preliminary outline in composition class. Danielle divided her time between making an outline, writing her composition, and revising her work, to use class time efficiently. "Writing well in 53 minutes definitely helped improve organization," Danielle said.

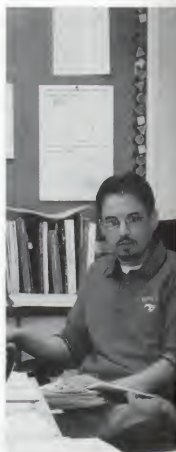


■ Stressed out

During a test, sophomores Grant Felgenhauer and Milka Bastaic quietly collect their thoughts. "I couldn't stand the pressure of tests," Grant said. "School meant stress disguised as an education."

■ New genes

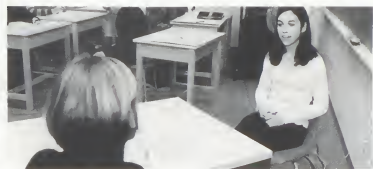
While using the library to perform a search on genes for an extra credit project, seniors Addison Del Rio and Sherri Mehok hurry to get their work done before the end of fifth hour. "The project was extra hard because you couldn't really fake anything," Addison said. "It all required hard facts and research."





■ Copy cat

With a research paper on existentialism in mind, Sarah-Anne Lanman, junior, copies an article on civil for English class. Her hard work resulted in the highest grade.



■ Risky business

Not quite sure of how to answer a question, Desiree Cossyleon, freshman, responds to Miss Jennifer Bulla. The mock interview prepared students for real-life encounters.

Grasping the point

With anxiety and stress bearing over their shoulders, students learn the value of adapting to school pressure

he clock read 12:15 a.m. The darkness dominated over the sliver of moonlight peeking through the blinds. Suddenly, Genevieve Grdina, junior, pushed back her covers. She had just remembered her Advanced Placement United States History essay. Aware of the penalties for slacking, Genevieve assured herself that she had completed everything.

"I woke up and realized that my essay wasn't done," Genevieve said, "I knew it needed to be done so I got up and got cracking."

Subtracted sleep hours, heavy anxiety, and piled homework confronted the 1,393 students Aug. 22. The transition attacked the unprepared and created unwilling students.

Research papers and three-page math assignments stacked on students' backs. These accompanied all the books, folders, and notebooks transported to and from school.

"During the summer, I could sleep until noon and then do whatever," Stephanie Gallardo, freshman, said. "When school started again, I had to get up earlier and stress for eight hours everyday until 2:45 p.m. Friday."

Spending numerous hours doing homework, studying, or preparing for the next school day, students stressed over school. For 10 months, students

suffered through days of multiple tests and quizzes and nights of seemingly infinite homework. Finally, sequential finals put an end to the semester.

"Finals always rattle my nerves because they can make or break your grade," Jonathan Fisher, junior, said.

However, after 10 months of periodic report cards, students found pride in their grades. Knowing they demolished a Leherer paper, Lemon reading assignment, Edington project, or Bulla composition, boosted students' morale for following assignments.

"I had to do this web design project. I stressed out for hours after school," Allison DeBold, sophomore, said. "When I finished that project it felt so good to know that it was all over."

As Genevieve climbed slowly back into her bed, her satisfaction grew. Relieved of impending penalties, Genevieve started the six weeks confident with her grades.

■ Hurried help

After missing a day of school, Matt Jones, freshman, uses Contact Time to meet with Mr. Joe Sokol, math teacher. Missing school added pressure, due to missing key concepts. "I missed one day and then I kept getting the same problems wrong," Matt said. "I had to try to catch up and figure out my mistakes as fast as I possibly could so I wouldn't miss more."

Afraid of center stage

With looming anxieties of failure and disappointed parents, students attempt to deal with their academic fears

When Mr. Paul LaReau, Spanish teacher, stood up to pass back a vocabulary test, Katie Harvey, junior, grimaced as he reached her desk. She turned the paper over and it seemed a red pen had exploded all over it. She received an F on the test.

"During the second semester, I was failing Spanish 4 for a while," Katie said. "I knew if I wanted to get into the University of Texas, I couldn't have a failing grade."

When Katie's six weeks report card arrived, she noticed a comment next to her Spanish grade that read, "student in danger of failing."

"When I read that note on the report card, I took it upon myself to study harder to raise my grade," Katie said.

The fear of failing remained prevalent among many students. Parents added extra pressure. Ever since Brandon Chynoweth, sophomore, could remember, his parents had always pushed him to do better.

"Whenever I got a bad grade, I always thought about how my parents would react," Brandon said. "I wanted

to do well, but I also wanted to make my parents proud, so I got worried when I had to show them a bad grade."

The added pressure had its advantages and disadvantages, according to Brandon.

"They helped me to stay motivated in my classes, but they don't realize sometimes that one bad grade won't affect the entire semester that much," Brandon said.

As Mr. LaReau went from desk to desk passing a history test over Venezuela, Katie waited in anticipation to see her grade. She immediately noticed less red ink on the paper and realized she received a C+ on the exam.

Through diligence and determination, students became aware that they could stop their academic fears from becoming a reality.

■ Passing notes

After receiving passes from Mr. Al Gandolfi, assistant principal, student aides Ashley Chemersky, senior, and Milka Bastaic, sophomore, deliver them to a classroom. "It was fun to deliver passes because the faces on the students when they received them were priceless," Ashley said.



■ Row boat

Rowing in their cardboard boat, sophomores Alexa Harris, Rebecca Stork and Thomas Faiga finish up a project in Mrs.

Elaine Lopez's AP Art History class. "At first I was a little nervous about doing the presentation," Alexa said. "But once I got up there, I was fine."





■ On board

After being called up to the board, Erica Ranade, junior, finishes spelling "Moulin Rouge." "I didn't mind getting called up in front of the class," Erica said. "I actually thought it was kind of fun because you got to move around and weren't confined to a desk."

■ Stick racer

Ready to receive instructions, Prince Kwateng, junior, learns about the propulsion system on a popsicle stick car. Students constructed their own cars and raced them in the hallway. "I thought it was a good way to learn the material because it was hands-on," Prince said.



■ Bad boys

To further educate students in his Business Law course, Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher, invited Officer Jim Ghrist and Detective David Strbjak to discuss the penalties of breaking laws. Some of the topics discussed included tax evasion and insider trading to driving while drunk.

Pacifying by percentages

Stats from the Indiana Department of Education compare Munster to the average Indiana school during the 2002-2003 school year.

■ College Bound Seniors

State Average: 71%
Munster: 91%

■ Graduates

State Average: 91%
Munster: 99%

■ Core 40 Graduates

State Average: 63%
Munster: 87%

■ Passing the ISTEP's

State Average: 69%
Munster: 85%

■ Academic Honor Graduates

State Average: 29%
Munster: 45%

■ Attendance Rate

State Average: 96%
Munster: 97%

■ All hands

Practicing her signing, Lisa Sobilo, sophomore, gets up with her class to sign the assignment for the day. American Sign Language class provided many difficult challenges, like getting up in front of the class and performing, instead of speaking. "Working up the courage to sign wasn't that difficult for me," Lisa said. "But there were times when you couldn't remember a sign; that made it hardest."



Show^{but} don't tell

An array of homework, projects and working requirements make seemingly easy classes hard

Ready to enjoy a nice peaceful weekend in the sun, David Pavkovich, junior, realized the amount of homework that had piled up on his desk from all of his honors classes.

"I hated having so much homework," David said. "But I knew that we did it so we could understand the material better."

Students dreaded going home after school in anticipation of the hours of homework ahead of them. However, homework enabled many students to get a better grade since they earned extra points. Some really wished they had the homework to make up for poor testing.

"In French, I really wish we had more homework that was not busy work," Alyson Pilawski, sophomore, said. "Our homework was never taken for a grade, so nobody ever did it and that really showed on tests."

Another point made by some teachers: tests should comprise a major part of a grade, but not the entire grade. That's why, according to Mr. Chris Miller, social studies teacher, homework should help students, so that they didn't have to completely rely on doing so well on tests. Students

should be able to do not do so well on a test and not have to worry about failing the whole class.

Although homework occupied a major part of school, other teachers tended to give few points so that homework couldn't pad the grade.

"I gave daily homework as a self evaluation," Mr. Paul LaRae, Spanish teacher, said. "It helped the students with the knowledge for the tests, and that transferred to the grade. They didn't need to have it taken for a grade because homework didn't prove that they'd learned anything from my class, which is the point."

Sitting down to begin his assignments, David realized that the homework may not be as bad as he thought. After all, the extra points raised grades.

■ Full concentration

Not worrying about everything else in the room, Brandi Bishop, senior, continues on her notes in foods class. Students came to know the difficulty of the nutrition chapter.



■ Picture perfect

While in Photography, Ryan Anderson, senior, rewinds his film after the personality shoot. "I enjoyed photography, but it was really difficult because you couldn't just blow it off, you had to know what you were doing," Ryan said.

■ Speaking clearly

Carefully working on her Spanish test, Elizabeth Van Wieren, junior, thinks hard about the questions. "There were times when I had so much trouble with Spanish, but then other times I had no trouble with words at all," Elizabeth said.

What makes a class Hard?

"I hate Spanish. I think it's mostly because I'd never spoken it before. The tests and the vocabulary made it the hardest. But if I would have started at an earlier age, I would have done better. Maybe even a little more studying would work."

Peter Jurich, freshman

"For my grade, I think Chemistry was the hardest class because it was so much work. If you have the time to do it, then you'll do fine in the class, but there is so much to look over. I don't think anyone has that much time on their free hands."

Lindy Hernandez, sophomore

"English was definitely the hardest class. There was just an enormous amount of work that was required. I guess that all depends on the teacher; I know mine gave a lot of homework. But all the work pays off because I find that my hardest classes are often the ones I learn the most information from."

Abraham Najamuddin, junior

"Government was definitely the hardest class. Mr. Coppage's tests were really hard and none of the information came from the book. We also have some tests that are over three chapters. Having one chapter at a time would make that class a lot easier."

Morgan Wagner, senior

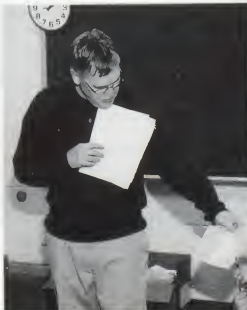
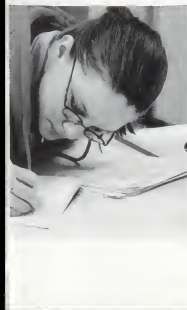


■ Slice of life

Dissecting his fetal pig in Zoology class, Chris Hansel, senior, and his partner, Andrew Bilse, sophomore, cut into the stomach. "Although it was really gross, it was really cool," Chris said. "It was something I'll probably never do again in my life."

■ Hard grader

While handing back his usual tests, Mr. Coppage gives Sapna Shah, senior, her paper. Mr. Coppage's tests took two days and proved difficult for many of his students.



Reacting with age

As students progress from freshmen to seniors, strict work ethics evolve into lax priorities and grades take a back seat to work, sleep and fun

With his face in his books, George Vauter, freshman, raced the clock to complete a response journal for the novel *Fahrenheit 451* in Mr. Robert McCall's English 9 class. Down the hall, Alex Castaneda, senior, pulled her jacket tightly shut and settled into her desk, ready for a 53-minute nap in economics. At one point, she too cared about school work and tests. In the second semester of her senior year, she and many other seniors put tests at the bottom of their priority lists.



George Vauter
freshman

"School was really important to me because I wanted to get into college.

I knew I was only a freshman, but if I didn't start thinking about these things now, they'd hit me when I was an unprepared senior.

I tried my best to use my time wisely and get my homework done in school, but it didn't always work. I sometimes had two hours of homework to do. I hated it, but I always did it because it was easy to maintain good grades if you did your work."



Sarah Steele
sophomore

"Without an education, you couldn't go anywhere in life. You needed it to get a job.

My schedule was pretty typical for a sophomore, but even without honors classes I still got tons of homework.

It depended on the night, but I had anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours worth of work.

I baby-sat until 8 p.m. every night, so I didn't always get everything done, but I did try.

Freshman year I didn't have any homework, but this year the teachers really stepped it up. During cross-country season, my homework sometimes had to take a backseat to my meets. I knew it was bad, but what could I do?"



Collin Hayes
junior

"I took school kind of seriously. I didn't really focus my life on it, though. I focused more on my friends and life in general.

I usually did about zero minutes of homework because I tried to get it done within the school day.

I didn't really study for any tests, unless it could make or break my grade. I maintained a "B" average, but I knew I was capable of an "A" if I applied myself.

I worked at Stones' Bones after school a lot, so I didn't have time for homework or for studying."



Alex Castaneda
senior

"When I was a freshman I really didn't care about my grades, even though most freshmen do. Junior year I got more serious because of colleges.

As a senior, I cared but really just enough to get by.

I don't think I studied for one test. I barely did any homework. I tried to finish it all in study hall or during my lunch.

If I didn't get my work done in school, I didn't get it done at all. I usually finished it all the hour before it was due.

I got so tired of school, I just showed up and that was good enough."



■ Speaking out

After forgetting to prepare for a report on mass media in Journalism, Alex Grantner, senior, tries to go impromptu. "There really is no cure for senioritis," Alex said.

■ Bingo lingo

In the middle of a bingo game in French, Adam Riley, freshman, studies his board. Playing games in foreign language classes gave students extra incentive.



■ Grade reaction

Quietly listening to chemistry teacher Mr. Jeff Graves' explanation of a Unit Seven chemistry pre-lab on reactants and their products, Casey Jedrzejczak, sophomore, uses the exercise to gain familiarity with key concepts before doing the lab. "I tried pretty hard in school, but not as hard as I did my freshman year," Casey said. "Classes like Chemistry kept me busy, but my parents weren't as strict with me as a sophomore. I think they trusted me a little more after I proved I could do it my freshman year."





Academic Team-1 (front row) Chris Hansen, Denny Lee, Shreyas Joshi, Murad Omery, Matt Kasenga, Todd Loden, Chris Kennelly (second row) Mary Carp, Michelle McIntyre, Andrew Harvey, Andrew Lee, Brandon Chynoweth, Mike Graczyk, Sara Pappas, Josh Raycroft (third row) Akash Rusia, Joel Schneider, Zak Boswell, Luc Jia Zheng, Michael Friedman, Jennifer McCreight, Chris Ondo (back row) Paul Cowgill, Matt Gifford, Joe Kasenga, Rod Oancea, John-Michael Mulesa, Jia Hou, Billy Lewis, Ajay Patwari



Academic Team-2 (front row) Kirstin Bularzik, Elyse Holloway, Rohini Chatterjee, Roli Mandhana, Sheipali Gandhi, Elissa Moll (second row) Tiffany Barth, Booram Ur, Gina Stoffregen, Euna Choi, Brett Anderson (back row) Heather Phipps, Philip Chan, Joe Raycroft, Alex Gikas, Sara Harvey, Dijita Sundi



American Sign Language-1 (front row) Brittany Bohling, Kristie Drudge, Nancy Bielfeldt, Angelique Mercier, Lisa Krismanick, Lauren Guidotti, Kristin Gorski, Ashley Brown (second row) Emily Diekelmann, Rachel Gill, Ashley Dudzik, Jill Hanrahan, Sherri Mehok, Ashley Brian, Rachel Myszak, Jenny Gluek (back row) Kristen Kendall, Morgan Geberin, Michael Thompson, John Nootens, Keith Lorenz, Jeff Schmidt, Justin Libak, Natalia Paez



Amnesty International-1 (front row) Neeja Prasad, Shivani Sharma, Alex Morley, Saba Ahmed, Kavita Nana, Adam Hirsch, Colleen Resler (second row) Maddie Morley, Elizabeth Wible, Hannah Huebner, Sarah-Anne Lanman, Heather Phipps, Branka Romic (back row) Ryan Gott, Daniel Albrecht-Mallinger, Amy Heaney, Rebecca Stork, Madeline Grdina, Sara Pappas, Todd Loden

poised to give her prose "Death Watch," Genevieve Grdina, junior, practices to go to State with the Speech Team. Genevieve took 6th at State with her prose and 4th at Districts with her Original Oratory. "I thought speech would prepare me for life," Genevieve said. "I also knew it looked pretty good on a resume if you did well."



as part of her role as the DECA District 1 president, Ashley Chemerinsky, senior, hands out awards at Districts. Ashley took first at Districts, qualifying her for the State competition. "In order to take such an active role in DECA, I had to put in a lot of extra work," Ashley said. "I had to take the State Officer Screening Test and campaign for a position at State."

sugary frosting in hand, freshmen Maureen Shields and Cristina Vanko take a break from decorating their gingerbread houses in German Club. German Club members celebrated the holidays by attending a German Christmas market in Chicago where they got the idea to mimic the elaborate houses displayed at the market.



SPEAK for yourself

in an effort to fill resumes, students join clubs with more than just fun in mind

Anxiously eyeing the door, Art Club president Jaime Zlamal, junior, waited in anticipation for the trickle of club members to begin its flow into the art room.

The minute hand on the clock ticked by. She began to wonder how the total membership had gone from nearly 60 in October to a meager 15 near the end of April. With preparations for the annual "Show Your True Colors" art show fast approaching, Jaime counted on every member for support. After 10 minutes had past, she took a quick glance at the attendance sheet in the center of the table, and the results seemed less than satisfactory. Only 13 people showed up to help with the crucial event.

"If you were going to join a club purely for your resume, you may as well not have joined at all," Jaime said. "I counted on people to show up every week, yet time and again only the loyal 20 or so actually did. If you signed up and didn't care enough to follow through, you ended up letting a lot of people down."

From Amnesty International to Project X, clubs accommodated to a variety of hobbies and interests. Though hundreds of students signed up for clubs in the fall, few remained in the spring.

"Even though I hated to admit it, I joined German Club for college applications," Kaitlin Newell, freshman, said. "I guess it wasn't really a secret though, considering I didn't even take German; I took French."

The lack of membership guidelines and requirements opened clubs up to the entire student body. The open membership policy could be a good and bad thing, according to Student Body President Billy Lewis, senior. It gave every student an equal opportunity, but at the same time opened the possibility of uninterested members.

"It's only natural that people joined clubs just to get into a certain college," Jeff Marinier, sophomore, said. "Ever since we were little all we heard about was getting into a good school, and we all knew that you needed a really full schedule to do that. I didn't see any way around it."

As Jaime and the other 13 Art Club members scrambled to mount paintings, hang photographs and display ceramic

with a solid grip on her doon drum Ashley Troumoularis, senior, and juniors Chetan Chaubal and Paige Popravak set up for a show with African Drumming Club. "It was fascinating to learn about the way other cultures express themselves," Ashley said. "The sense of unity within the club was so strong by the end of the year."

pieces, she only wished more people had shown up to help.

"It was classic," Jaime laughed. "Only 20 people helped out all year, but the original 60 showed up to the final pizza party. That was dedication."



TALENT

showcasing

students seek to reach excellence while bringing honor to themselves and school

Trudging along in the rain. Ankur Dedania, freshman, struggled to carry his instrument. He kept pushing on despite the cold, and the case's weight pulled his arms down, making it almost impossible to stand upright. The oblong instrument's case poked him in the back, adding to the discomfort. Finally, Ankur neared the bus.

He walked past one bus and continued to drag his feet along. He moved past the next bus thinking he had made it on time. Just as he arrived, he watched in disappointment as his bus pulled off, leaving him alone after school with no way to get home.

Whether it meant strenuous work, extreme amounts of time, or a combination of both, students' participation in clubs sometimes caused difficulties. "When you were part of a club, you took on all the responsibilities that went along with it," Ankur Dedania, freshman, said. "When you joined, you accepted those responsibilities whether they were bad or good. In my instance I had forgotten to pick up my instrument and the sheer size of it slowed me down on the way to my bus."

Club members often merged with the club's style. Whatever club interested them the most, caught their attention and changed their whole perspective on things, as they immersed themselves in the club's activities.

"I love African Drumming Club," Erica Ranande, junior, said. "Sometimes when I heard music that reminded me of that club, I just wanted to get up and dance or start banging on something to resemble the beat."

Clubs helped students become aware of their surroundings. Each club had a different purpose, but every club gave students the opportunity to find their niche.

"I loved for people to join Spanish Club and see what it was about," Ms. Jennifer Luksich, Spanish Club sponsor, said. "When people just came and had fun it really made me happy because we were there to have a good time and anyone was welcome to have fun."

Face painting, theme days and interactive activities added to the fun that clubs had to offer.

"Clubs were fun because they offered so many things that you could do and they helped you to relieve stress from school," Amanda Kilibarda, sophomore, said. "They sometimes provided me with somewhat of a second home. At speech you knew everyone and formed close friendships with everyone. It was almost like a haven you could go to."

As Ankur walked back to the school, his anger dissipated. He started to recall an old memory of laughing and playing with his fellow band members. A recollection of jokes that only they understood. He remembered the conversation that no one else would understand because of the band terminology. Ankur remembered being part of the club, which had become a part of his life.





with a smile on his face, Andrew Spivey, senior, chats with Melissa Obszanski, senior, at the Art Club's spring Your True Colors show. Besides their own show, members also participated in the Tri-County show at the Visual and Performing Arts Center where Taryn Lotak, junior, Sam Korda, senior, and Karly Dytrych, junior, split a \$250 prize for their column design.

deadline approaching Natalie Stigall, senior, struggles to finish alphabetizing senior future plans for the last issue of *Crier*. "It was such a relief after finishing the last *Crier*," Natalie said. "I didn't have to worry about deadlines anymore."



Art Club (front row) Sarah Flick, Bethan Sylvestre, Jaime Zlamal, Ugnius Vaitiekus, Elyse Holloway, Shobha Pai, Jennifer McCreight, Natalie Moya, Marissa Sylvestre (second row) Rachel Quinones, Dragana Petrovic, Dragan Petrovic, Laura Hruska, Erin McGuan, Katie Pearman, Anna Stariha, Egle Vaitiekus, Amie Johnson (third row) Katherine Sampias, Saba Ahmed, Suzy Acosta, Lisa Sobilo, Sarah Grabarczyk, Kaitlyn Dolatowski, Ashley Hack, Aja Aktay, Linda Haynes (back row) Jacob Krismanick, Hannah Huebner, Rebecca Stork, Eric LaMagdeleine, Jimmy Hennes, Eric Zarowny, Lauren Cherrier, Sarah Liszka, Ankur Dedania, Amy Heaney



Auditorium Staff-1 (front row) Marnan Campos, Rachel Gosiciej, Sam Torres, Stacey Welsh, Melissa Victor, Saba Ahmed, Tiffany Barth, Amanda Pogach (second row) Ben Mann, Jenna Candiano, Ashley Drobac, Julie Kiekenapp, Eric Zyglowicz, Brandi Bishop, Tammy Lee, Rachel Mihich (back row) Elizabeth Vanwierien, Joe Marciniak, Kristen Kendall, Matthew Spyrika, David Van Wieren, Mike Graczyk, Rachel Pucalik, Patricia Schmueser, Ryan Blanchard, Emily Bradley, Niki Cacich, Dan Phillips, Ben DeBoer, David Murks, Frank Pukoszek, John Mihich



Freshman CEC-1 (front row) Christina Vanko, Maureen Shields, Lizzie Browder, Bridget Parker (back row) Liz Vacendak, Austin Piech, Kristy Anderson, Darryl Dedelow jr, Cecilia Huang



dressed up in complete pirate attire, Amanda Bacoyanis, freshman, and Daphne Pantazis, sophomore, celebrate the pep band's spirit week. "We would all think of inventive things to dress up as," Amanda said. "We had a really good time doing it even though we looked dumb at times."

beating her drum, Justine Bauer, senior, tries to keep with the beat during African Drumming club. "African Drumming club was a good time," Justine said. "It gave me a chance to meet new people and find a new hobby for myself."



Junior CEC-1 (front row) Kavita Nana, Kristina Standley, Katie Korem, Erica Ranade (back row) Michelle Becka, Allison Chelgren, David Pavkovich, Christian Selent, Brogan Guthrie



Senior CEC (front row) Nikki Bland, Emily Stine, Julia Konopasek, Katie Daniels, Lauren Torres, Jill Young (back row) Michael Friedman, Ryann Perlinski, Leah Shaffer, Todd Dell'Aquila, Andrew Lee, Laura Lautz



Sophomore CEC (front row) Saba Ahmed, Brandon Chynoweth, Jenny Michalski, Brittany Lewis (back row) Rebecca Stork, Gina Rebesco, Nick Stolarz, Julie Bembenista, Sara Brown



Color Guard (front row) Melissa Victor, Natalie Manchak, Neylan Poczontek, Aren Farkas (second row) Amanda Stump, Emilie Vandersluis, Julie Stump, Corinne Stafford, Stephanie Banach (back row) Daphne Pantazis, Kim Wiers, Tony Stack, Mary Rose Dal Polo, Amanda Bacoyanis, Sarah Grabarczyk



Couture Club (front row) Elissa Moll, Marissa Sylvester, Katie Franklin, Kelly McWilliams, Bethan Sylvester (second row) Chan Huynh, Jessica Osegueda, Rachel Quinones, Meghan Ruich, Courtney Decero, Katie Taylor (back row) Rachel Pucalik, Heather Ballard, Rachel Medina, Natalia Paez, Katie Dolatowski, Paige Poprakov, Danica Rajcevic



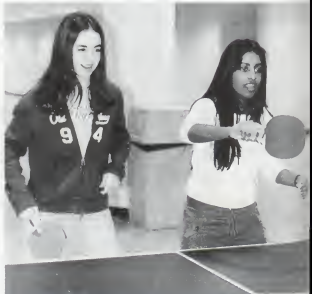
Crier (front row) Natalie Stigall, Ashley Carlson, Rachel Gosciej (second row) Katherine Ntiamoah, Jennifer McCreight, Chris Maloney, Ashley DeVries

with beads adorning her neck, Kathy Ntiamoah, senior, cleans up a mess from the French Club Mardi Gras party. Through eating food and dancing to music, Mardi Gras was a success, according to Kathy. "The party was really fun," Kathy said. "People gave out beads and some were wearing costumes, so it was kind of close to the real thing."

enjoying food and friends, Sarah-Anne Lanman, junior, relaxes at the French Club fromage party. While being an active member of French Club, Sarah-Anne still had time to party. "Our fromage party was really fun," Sarah-Anne said. "The turn out was really good and I think everyone had fun just hanging out with each other."



enthralled in their doubles Ping-Pong match, Danielle Flores and Anitha Umapathy, freshmen, focus on a win. With over 90 members, Ping-Pong Club let students socialize and compete against one another in a fun environment. "I thought Ping-Pong Club was great," Danielle said. "I wasn't really planning on joining any clubs but when I found out that all they did was just play Ping-Pong, I figured it was something I could do."





PARTY with style

from parties to competitions,
clubs provide fun way to stay active

Students rushed out of classrooms and in to the hallways as the 2:45 p.m. bell rang on a Friday, signaling the end of the school week. For most students, Friday afternoons meant freedom from the rigors of school. But Lauren Cherrier, senior, dedicated her Friday afternoons to challenging opponents in Ping-Pong Club.

"Ping-Pong Club, for me, was strictly about having fun," Lauren said. "We didn't have any projects to work on; it was all Ping-Pong."

From padding their resume to simply having fun, students joined clubs for a variety of reasons. Drew Albertson, senior, used his time in French Club not only to help further his studies in French, but to socialize with friends. At the annual fromage party, Drew had the opportunity to sample different types of cheeses while joking around with other members of the club.

"Club parties were really just an excuse to eat a lot of food and hang out with your friends," Drew said. "But throughout the year we didn't have very many parties, so it was something to look forward to."

However, fun in clubs did not end during after school activities. During a trip to Franklin College for the Indiana High School Press Association State Convention, *Paragon* and *Crier* students took classes during the day but spent quality time bonding at night.

"Our time at Franklin was straight," Adam Carlson, junior, said. "Probably the best and worst part was waiting an hour and a half for our pizza to be delivered to our hotel room. We passed the time by telling some crazy stories."

Even the more serious clubs, such as National Honor Society, had their fun moments. During a heated game of poker between Darcie Kozlowski, TJ Surma and Stephanie Rangel, seniors, many inside jokes saw their birth.

"Usually, on Saturdays we would all get together and play cards," Stephanie said. "We would all get really competitive and start calling each other names. After a while, we just made a big list of the stupid things we'd say to each other."

Quickly returning a serve to Eric Zarowny, junior, Lauren scores yet another point. After defeating Eric 21-19, Lauren

on their way to listen to the keynote speaker Jack Kennedy from Colorado, Kristina Standley, Lauren Guidotti and Danielle Wilks, juniors, navigate through the crowd at Franklin College for the IHSPA State Convention.

put away her paddle and went off to find another challenger. Through a variety of clubs, students found a way to not only participate in extra-curricular activities but to have fun at the same time.



stretched mind

participation expands horizons,
while adding to students' lives

Sitting in a circle, Junior CEC members debated Prom plans. Ideas and themes began to lay out. Agreements along with a few disagreements got mumbled under breaths or passionately shouted out. After a few meetings, plans started to become concrete and fall in to place.

"I understood that I needed to compromise with people in order to get things done," Katie Korem, junior, said. "I needed to listen to other people's ideas and be open to new things. I wanted to get involved, and planning prom was how I did it."

While Katie contributed to the prom frenzy, Kristen Bularzik, sophomore, helped make decisions for upcoming events in German Club. She picked what movie to go see for the annual German Club field trip, and helped decide what food to bring for the end of the year picnic.

"I joined German Club to get more enriched in the German culture," Kristen said. "I want to visit Germany one day just to see the beauty of the culture."

Rather than travel to distant reaches, Eunice Ntiamoah, freshman, lent help to the community through Project X.

"I wanted to help out people in my neighborhood and community," Eunice said. "I wanted to join something that would guide me through that, and Project X helped."

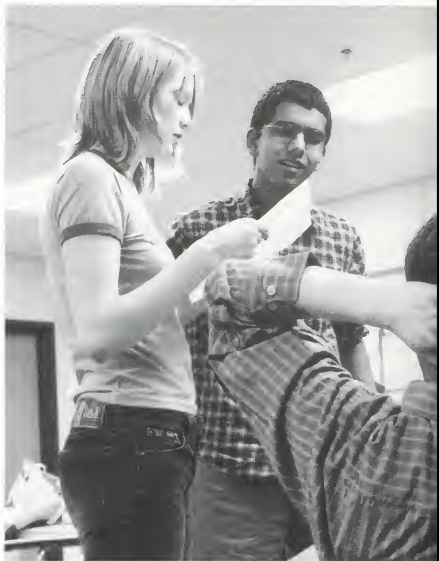
Project X sponsored a walk for autism, visited Hartsfield Village for Valentine's Day, and collected donations for Darryl Dedelow and his family after the loss of their house to fire.

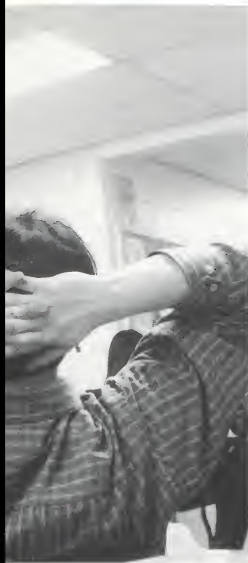
Different club activities gave students a chance to break outside the daily grind. With the many opportunities that clubs provided, students had chances to try new experiences. By becoming familiar with the different ways of doing things, students used this knowledge to enhance their high school experience.

As the meeting wrapped up, Katie became surprised at what CEC had accomplished.

"I thought we'd all be at each other's throats, but we all came together and compromised," Katie said. "Seeing all of our hard work come together felt pretty good. I'm happy that I was a part of Junior CEC; it will definitely help me with my future careers."

interacting with the members' discussion, Aubrey Valesquez, junior, responds to an idea for their next performance. "I enjoyed African Drumming Club because of its originality," Aubrey said. "It was something fun and different. It was a good time."





rehearsing for

an upcoming meet, Becca Stork, sophomore, and Akash Rusia, freshman, look to Mr. Mike Gordon, government teacher, for advice. "Debate was a great club to be part of," Becca said. "I want to go into politics, so it will definitely help me out."

engrossed in

her work, Katherine Ntiamaoh, senior, proofreads an article. Her involvement as a *Crier* editor helped her learn responsibility. "When something didn't get done it affected everyone," Katherine said.



focused on her

instructor, Valerie Umlauf, junior, prepares to play for the Homecoming pep session. "Even though the pep rally was in the fieldhouse due to the rain," Valerie said, "we played our best to keep people's spirits high."



DECA-1 (front row) Ashley Carlson, Kaitlin Bandura, Emily Clark, Kristen Brazel, Ashley Chemerinsky, Farris Pearson, Aren Farkus (second row) Krissy Herbeck Athena Bakris, Amie Johnson, Egle Vaitiekuf, Christen Chapman, Kim Hawkins, Ashley Hack, Stephanie Banach (third row) Alex Sakelaris, Brian Wujek, Todd Loden, Andrew Graves, Rob Troutman, David Lukomski, Mr. Kent Lewis (back row) Chris Kozlowski, Bill Evans, Dylan Wood, Mike McIntyre, Adam Kaufman, Chris Maloney, Sarah Laymon, Steve Krolak



Mixed Ensemble-1 (front row) Amanda Pogach, Rachel Caselton, Carolyn Jania, Ashley Troumouliaris, Sara Dobrinich, Kelly McWilliams, Kristina Kesely, Lindsey Ellingsen, Lyndsay Langbehn, Katie Szewka (back row) Bradley Dunham, Jim Bochnowski, Michael Friedman, Andrew Bridgman, Scott Vandersteen, Spelios Bacoyanis, Michael John Hughes, Jordan Barnes, Chetan Chaubal, David Johnson



Women's Ensembles-1 (front row) Cristina Benavente, Amanda Graves, Jackie Schneider, Alex Morley, Shobha Pai, Ashley Schmiedel, Alyssa Larimer, Clare McCulloch (second row) Nancy Bielfeldt, Julie Kiekenapp, Danielle Troumouliaris, Sheena Srivastava, Dijita Sundi, Lauren Banas, Danica Rajecvic, Abbie Jercha (third row) Paige Popravak, Emilee Vandersluis, Allison Hasselhof, Emily Diekelmann, Anne Chambers, Vanessa Jackson, Katie Watterson, Manini Gupta (back row) Brooke Kozlowski, Kim Balzer, Linda Landowski, Christine Barnes, Julie Nelson, Jim Paulauski, Sharon Lee, Amanda Bacoyanis



French Club-1 (front row) Brandon Chynoweth, Natalie Belkairous, Sheena Srivastava, Irena Hnatuk, Michael Konopasek, Renae Kooy, Jessica Clusserath (second row) Laura Lautz, Ashley Troumouliaris, Elliot Eismen, Jaime Zlamal, Stephanie Coulls, Lauren Cherrier, AJ Skinner, Christina Guanzon (third row) Rebecca Stork, Sara Gregson, Genevieve Ordina, Natalia Pace, Ashley Boyan, Julie Iembornista, Katie Brown (back row) Eric LaMagdeleine, Aditya Shah, Jason Dillon, Nate Holobowski, Mike Sudbury, David Pavlovich, Joe Zagorski, Joe Dwars

taking the LEAD

students take on leadership duties
as presidents and active members

Getting together to watch their campaign video, Student Government presidential candidate Genevieve Grdina and her running mate Zak Boswell prepared to hear the results of the election.

After campaigning and hanging posters, Zak and Genevieve emerged as the new leaders of their class as well as the entire student body. They replaced seniors president Billy Lewis and vice president Kate Laudermilk, who ran the school until the mid-year Feb. 20 election.

"I couldn't believe that we were elected," Genevieve said. "We had worked so hard on all the posters, campaigning and our speech video that I only hoped that we would win. It was a lot of work and a lot of money, but in the end it was all worth it."

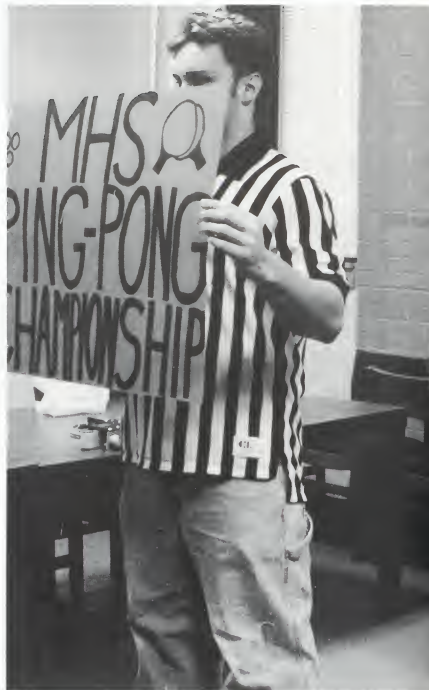
Leaders of the school didn't just come from Student Government elections, however. Other clubs, like German, Spanish and American Sign Language Clubs, demanded deep involvement as well. Emily Alberti, senior, learned the true meaning of leadership when she took the role of German Club president.

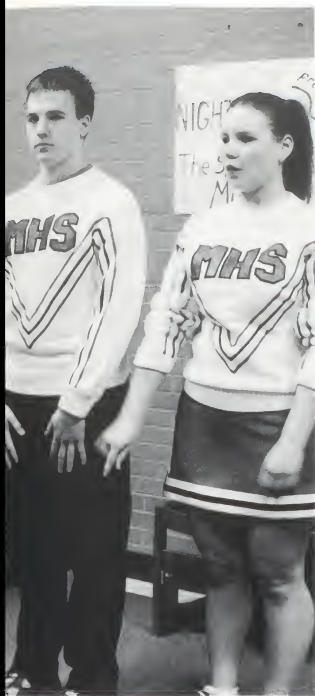
"It was really tough to be president," Emily said. "You had to worry about who was going to come to meetings, when and where to have them and also plan other events that people would want to be involved in. Sometimes I just wanted to relax and enjoy all the events and not have to worry about everyone else."

Anyone willing to put in the time could take on leaders' responsibilities. Tamiko Toyama, sophomore, involved herself in numerous clubs and other activities. Being in clubs didn't make her a leader, but participating fully in all of them did, according to Tamiko.

"I really enjoyed being part of so many clubs and activities," Tamiko said. "It was tough work, but it kept me out of trouble and made me feel more involved with the school between sports and academics. I got to meet a lot of new people in the different clubs. I also really liked the places that I visited while being a part of the clubs. It was always a nice time to sit back and relax."

As the announcement sounded over the intercom during sixth hour class, "The new Student Body President is... Genevieve Grdina," Genevieve smiled. At that moment, her role as a leader took a new shape.





ready to record their Saturday Night Live-inspired campaign speech, Genevieve Grdina and Zak Boswell, juniors, get ready to cheer on their school. Students came up with different speech approaches in hopes of becoming the next leader of the student body. "It was a lot of fun," Genevieve said. "I knew we would get a lot of laughs and hopefully win the election."

in order to help her fellow club members, German Club president Emily Alberti, senior, learns the art of tie-dyeing shirts from Mrs. Eileen Meier, German Club sponsor. While students enjoyed activities, presidents stressed while trying to plan them. "I hated planning all the activities," Emily said. "But when we actually did them, I think it was all worth it."



admiring the work at the art show, Art Club president Jamie Zlamal, junior, talks with sponsor, Mrs. Linda Haynes, art teacher. "When everyone put in the effort, we got the work done really fast," Jamie said.

declaring the winner of the homecoming pie eating contest, Kate Laudermilk, senior, holds back her laughter. "Being vice president was very stressful at times," Kate said. "I felt responsible for nearly everything."



French Club-2 (front row) Andrew Schultz, Jeff Trojovich, Aja Aktaay, Sarah-Anne Larman, Kory Aktaay (second row) Cecillia Huang, Heather Phipps, Katie Vroom, Theresa Kretz, Sarah Grabarczyk, Nilay Parikh (back row) Kim Wiers, Zack Fabert, Drew Albertson, Sara Brown, Zack Perlinski, Daphne Pantazis, Melissa Vargo



French Club-3 (front row) Elissa Moll, Courtney Decero, Meghan Ruich, Marissa Zoppetti, Dara Oni, Marnan Campos (second row) Lauren Hudak, Emily Lyness, Rodrigo Fernandez, Olivia Enger, Julie Ostrowski, Carolyn Brown (back row) Katherine Sampias, Dragana Petrovic, Anna Stariha, Sara Schulte, Paige Poprawski, Branka Romic, Pat Kozlowski



German Club-1 (front row) Sharon Lee, Allison Meggers, Michelle McIntyre, James Economou, Michelle Potter, Valerie Linlauf, Lauren Meneghetti, Katlin Newell (second row) Kara Spurlock, Kaylen Huggie, Steven Alspach, Jon Velchek, Evan Compton, Steve Hus, Brian Wujek, Melissa Kirincic (third row) Stephanie Pulido, Milijana Lalic, Rebecca Stork, Jaime Zlamal, Jeff Kovachic, Madeline Grdina, Liz Wible, Erich Maul (back row) Rachel Heinrich, Jimmy Hennes, Dave Siukola, Chris Topor, John Nootens, Michael Thompson, Andrew Bilse, Mark Hannigan



German Club-2 (front row) Kirstin Bularzik, Deana Miskimins, Andrew Graves, Laura Hruska, Stacey Welsh, Michelle Miskimins, Stana Romic, Elissa Moll (second row) Justine Jones, Julie Stump, Danielle Niemann, Ashley Drobac, Stephanie Banach, Kait Bandura, Vicki Miskimins, Amanda Stump (third row) Jenna Candiano, Emily Yeager, Anita Pulido, Michael Konopasek, Bryan Lee, Marie Welsh, Cristina Vanko, Katie Pearman (back row) Katherine Sampias, Ashley Hack, Stephanie Frank, Mary Carp, Chris Hansen, Alex Gikas, Sara Harvey, Branka Romic, Kim Hawkins

food for FUNDS

clubs gain profits through bake sales, ticket drives and donations

Throughout the year, clubs improvised to gain money. From bake sales to outright donations, clubs collected money to meet their needs and others.

Fund-raising began as a three-step process. First, the club's sponsor needed to get permission from school personnel. Second, the club explained the goals for the fund-raiser. This included who the money supported, the duration of the project, and the club's plan for achieving its goal.

After the club received permission, the group transformed into a business. As a business, the clubs measured success if they reached their goal.

"I felt like we did the most [in the Community Outreach fund-raiser]," Ms. Jennifer Luksich, Spanish Club sponsor, said. "We reached people and it immediately helped."

Spanish Club's outreach program helped raise money for families in need during the holidays. The money provided a meal and warm clothes for the deprived families.

"Club's activities weren't always for themselves," Katherine Sampias, junior, said. "However, when you were not trying to help yourself was when you really gained something."

Often, club members did not know the extent of help they provided beforehand. Each club member became aware of their support afterwards.

"It's not everyday that we all wake up and decide to dedicate our lives to helping the less fortunate," Erica Ranade, junior, said. "When we got the opportunity to help someone, it was important that we grasped it and helped the best way we know we could."

By fund-raising, clubs made sure they had money for their needs. Money earned helped finance field trips, parties or added to clubs' overall funds. Clubs did more when they had the provisions.

"It's easier to find more creative things to do when you have the money to do it," Matthew Spryka, sophomore, said.

When clubs tried to gain profits, their schedules sometimes conflicted. When one club had a bake sale, another had a raffle. This sometimes hindered each other's progress making their goal harder.

Spanish Club had a bake sale, while Student Government sold tickets for the Film Festival, Dragana Petrovic, junior, said. "I don't think people really thought that much from either because there had just been so many bake sales the previous week."

Despite the obstacles, clubs continued to raise funds to benefit themselves and others.

with sticky fingers,

Tamiko Toyama, sophomore, scoops more ice cream for root beer floats. SADD used the root beer profits to help contribute to their funds, such as their video before Prom weekend. "That video helped people," Tamiko said. "A lot of people didn't drink because it stayed in their minds."





while they exchanged

jokes, seniors Alex Gikas, Elise Eldert and Stephanie Rangel wait for customers. The fund-raiser added to the orchestra's budget for future investments, such as new \$5,000 cellos. "Fundraisers were hard work because it took so much organization and a joint effort," Alex said.



after slight persuasion, Shobha Pai, sophomore, successfully registers a sponsor for "Dollars for Scholars." The scholarship fund-raising program gained supporters by the end of Super Bowl Sunday which helped to support graduating seniors. "I volunteered because I wanted someone to help me when I'm a senior," Shobha said.



just coming from Mr. Joe Sokol's math class, sophomores Egle Vaitiekute and Amie Johnson work their way from class to class to raise money for DECA. As they finished their route, they headed back to calculate their profit. "Not many people wanted to buy the balloons, but the overall profit was pretty good," Egle said.



Jazz Band-1 (front row) Nicole Parra, Chris Mihalo, Joe Raycroft, TJ Surma, Darcie Kozlowski, Philip Chan, Tony Markovich (second row) Bryan Lee, Brian Carraher, Doug Boyer, Matt Tepperman, Matt Whittlatch, Steve Hus, Josh Raycroft (back row) Joe Kasenga, Mark Sikora, Ben DeBoer, Keith Lorenz, Andrew Sharp, Joey Zagorski, John-Michael Mulesa



Marching Band-1 (front row) Amanda Graves, Deana Miskimins, Kelly Simmons, Sharon Lee, Valerie Umlauf, Colleen McIntyre (second row) Kait Bandura, Milena Janovski, Heather Ballard, Rachel Pucalik, Paul Bainbridge, Lauren Gier (back row) Nicole Parra, Suman Rao, Renae Kooy, Sonja Vasic, Jessica Beezhold, Stephanie Scully, Thea Logan



Marching Band-2 (front row) Kirstin Bularzik, Elyse Holloway, Ben Mann, Stephanie Frank, Jenna Candiano, Kristen Moran, Kristina Stephan (second row) Danny del Real, Matt Lemus, Frank Pukoszek, Kevin Trotman, Alexander Kevin, Joey Zagorski, Chris Mihalo (back row) David Linnaer, Daniel Albrecht-Mallinger, John-Michael Mulesa, Keith Lorenz, Mark Boeckman, Matt Tepperman, Matthew Spyrika



Marching Band-3 (front row) Danielle Niemann, Rachel Gill, Darcie Kozlowski, Brian Carraher, Rachel Mihich (second row) Jackie Boyle, Bryan Lee, Elliot Eiscin, Drew Koessler, Emily Bradley (back row) Ben DeBoer, Dan Umlauf, Andrew Sharp, Jeff Schmidt, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Devin Johnson

SMILE

service with a

from tutoring to informing about the week's events, students help students

Quickly sliding \$2 in quarters into her manila envelope, Rachel Gosciej, junior, waits in the hall for Chris Maloney, junior, to come out with his stack of papers. Together, they visited classrooms during study hall to deliver the *Crier*, the student newspaper.

Clubs helped inform the student body in a variety of ways, from behind the scenes Prom planning to after school tutoring. Newspaper, a club often overlooked, according to Chris, spent hours preparing *Crier* for publication and delivery. Journalism students handed out every issue.

"I don't think a lot of people knew that we were passing out papers because we were in the class," Rachel said. "We were involved in every aspect of the paper."

In order to help defray the costs of their Spring Break trip to California, band members sponsored bake sales to help generate funds. The homemade goods helped fill the band bank account and hungry students' stomachs.

"I thought the bake sales were a big success," Brian Carraher, senior, said. "Bake sales are usually really easy to set up for, and when you make enough food and have just the right timing, you can make a good amount of money pretty easily. I guess we got lucky."

However, clubs did more than just help students with hunger. TJ Surma, senior, a member of National Honor Society (NHS), spent time after school tutoring underclassmen in mathematics.

"I remember when I was a freshman and I needed help with my homework," TJ said. "I had an NHS tutor and he really helped me, so I figured I'd give back and help kids who needed it."

Outside of raising funds and students' grades, clubs also helped students by giving them an outlet for their creativity. Student Government sponsored the second annual film festival, which allowed any student to submit a short film to be viewed by an audience of their peers.

"I thought the film festival was a great idea," Aja Aktay, senior said. "I'm really a big fan of film and I think it's great that they gave potential directors and actors a chance to shine."

Trudging back from their delivery route, Rachel and Chris counted out their sales, totaling \$9.25. As the other deliveries filtered in, receipts rose and, when combined with advertising sales, *Crier* raised enough to pay their \$410 printing bill. Through varied activities and student involvement, clubs found a way to help the student body in unique and sometimes, subtle ways.





exchanging money for the latest issue of *Crier*, Rich Shudick, senior, receives his paper from juniors Chris Maloney and Rachel Gosciej. Students looked forward to the Fridays when *Crier* was distributed, according to Rich.

preparing for the Homecoming tug-of-war between the Senior and Junior Classes, Student Government representative Josh Raycroft, senior, holds up the sign signaling the beginning of the event.



NHS-1 (front row) Kelley Fernandez, Kara Clark, Josh Raycroft, Robert Schoon, Andrew Lee, Darcie Kozlowski, Lea Shaffer, Don Yamitch (second row) Toshiro Toyama, Kaitlin DeCero, Kate Lauder milk, Lauren Cherrier, Stephanie Andjelich, Michelle Potter, Todd Dell'Aquila, Laura Lautz (third row) Ryann Perlinski, Jillian Hanrahan, David Resler, Jia Hou, Paul Cowgill, Billy Lewis, Julie Bassetto, Renee Davis (back row) Wally Cirafesi, Dan Witkus, Bart Banach, Josh Martin, Rod Oancea, Greg Curran, Scott Starewicz, Tyson Blake



NHS-2 (front row) Lindsey Steele, Kate Mikels, Renee Schmitt, Dijita Sandi, Jayme Jedrejczak, Lisa Krismanick, Euna Choi (second row) Danielle Gillund, Katie Daniels, Megan Remec, Julia Konopasek, Kersten Kelly, Christine Johnson, Maddie Morley, Julie Kickerapp (third row) Stephanie Coulis, Alissa Rosario, Sam Korda, Alex Gikas, T.J. Surma, Rachel Gill, Aja Aktay, Suzanne Quassy (back row) Justin Dal Corobbo, Matt Kasenga, Emily Alberti, Shreyas Joshi, Chirag Barai, Chad Holajter, Neel Shah, Chris Mihalio



NHS-3 (front row) Emily Lawrence, Shephali Gandhi, Shivani Sharma, Dana Sarber, Jill Young, Michelle Miskimins (second row) Emily E. Jones, Kristin Tazillo, Maria Stopper, Jillian Balazs, Nikki Bland, Emily Stine (back row) Nancy Belfeldt, Stephanie Rangel, Alex Morley, Rachel Mihich, Booram Ur, Britney Meier, Elise Eldert



Orchestra-1 (front row) Andrea Halverson, Mary Haneman, Suman Rao, Matt Jones, Stephanie Frank, Nicole Parra, Cecilia Huang, Krystle Murzyn (second row) Amanda Bacoyanis, Jonathan Alexander, Steve Hus, Mike Kovacich, Chetan Chaubal, Kaylen Huggy, Andrew Schutz, Doug Boyer (third row) Katie Daniels, Darcie Kozlowski, Robert Schoon, Chris Ondo, Julie Nelson, Lauren Cherner, Alexis Jeter, Alex Gikas (back row) Bennet Cerven, Jon Velchek, Emily Bradley, Joe Kasenga, Mark Sikora, Andrew Sharp, Jeff Schmidt, Mark Webster



Orchestra-2 (front row) Elissa Moll, Melissa Victor, Chan Huynh, Christina Ruzk, Rachel Eldert, Neerja Prasad, Maman Campos (second row) Elyse Holloway, Elise Eldert, Catherine Lee, Christina Huda, Tina Shao, Stephanie Rangel, Murad Omery (back row) Heather Loden, Desiree Cossyleon, Kim Hawkins, Mara Maddocks, Suzy Acosta, Kaite Taylor, Rachel Mihich



armed with assorted baked goods, Ben Mann, Spelios Bacoyanis and Stephanie Frank, juniors, work at the band bake sale during lunch. The band had the bake sale to help raise funds for their Spring Break trip to California. "We made a pretty good amount of money," Ben said. "It wasn't enough to cover the whole trip, of course but it did help us out a little bit."

answering the *Crier* staff's questions, Kristen Kendall and Gina Christopher, juniors, explain their plans if they are elected Student Body President and Vice President. Being president would give students a voice on what went on around them, according to Gina. "We ran for the presidency because we really wanted to make a difference in the school," Gina said. "I paid attention to what kids were saying, and I wanted to make changes that mattered."

it's all in the BAG

students seek to honor themselves
and the school through excellence

Stuffed duffelbags and a mind full of worries set the tone the night before the competition. With both Sectionals and State behind them, the We the People team proved ready for early May Nationals in Washington, DC. Packing his bags the night before the trip, Ryan Anderson, senior, pondered the competition that laid ahead.

"We proved that we deserved to be on the national stage throughout the year," Ryan said. "We consistently spoke well as a team, but everyone had some butterflies in their stomach concerning the next step."

Their success as a team proved just one more accomplishment for the school. Many clubs brought an array of honors to the school. The Speech Team brought the school a second place trophy as a team at the state level.

"Placing that high at State became a huge deal for us," Justin Dal Corrobo, senior, said. "We worked really hard as a whole, and I liked that the judges finally noticed the effort we had been putting in."

The Speech and Debate Team also qualified 13 individuals for Nationals in June in Salt Lake City. In speech, seniors Dana Sarber, Sara Dobrinich, Ashley Troumoularis and Carolyn Jania left to perform June 12, as well as juniors David Pavkovich and Lindsay Langbehn. The Debate Team added seven members including seniors Shreyas Joshi, Michael Friedman, Andrew Lee, Paul Cowgill and Jia Hou; and freshmen Mike Konopasek and Mary McKeon.

"I could not believe I made Nationals as a freshman," Mary said. "I never thought I would go into a national competition during my first year of debate."

Crier and *Paragon* staffs celebrated their success at the Indiana High School Press Association Fall Convention. Both the newspaper and yearbook earned Hoosier Stars, as the best publications in the state for their enrollment divisions. Both publications also earned Hoosier Star Finalist honors in the spring for the current year, with top honors to be awarded the following October.

"Sometimes you feel like no one notices all your hard work," *Crier* editor-in-chief Natalie Stigall, senior, said. "But when an award like this comes along, you realize what you do counts for something."

As the competition ended, the We the People team began to calm down and come together stronger as a group. Though they didn't break into the Top 10 for the Nationals finals, they ran over their material one last time. They pushed forward and decorated the school with yet another academic accomplishment.

focused on finishing his project for Science Olympiad, Ryan Burke, sophomore, adds vinegar to the solution. "Science Olympiad was a good place for me to finally implement my passion for science," Ryan said



tongue extended, Pat

Thomas, junior, tries to catch a snowflake on the way to the bus for a Speech meet. "Speech was a great club," Pat said. "I got to meet many people."



trophy in hand,

Jessica Pleitner, junior, accepts the Best of Show award at the November JEA/NSPA journalism convention in Washington, DC for the *Paragon* staff. "The trip itself was amazing," Jessica said. "I spent lots of time touring with the *Crier* staff when we were not busy."

shaking hands with

DECA adviser Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher, Andrew Graves, junior, receives an award for excellence at DECA Districts competition. "DECA was a great opportunity for me," Andrew said. "It was a club that I could really excel in."



Marching Band-4 (front row) Joe Raycroft, Steve Hus, Doug Boyer, Heather Loden, Jordan Janosek (second row) Melissa Burford, Ben Milbrath, Eric LaMagdeleine, John Mihich, TJ Surma, Mike Cummins (back row) Matt Whitlatch, Dan Kenzel, Mark Sikora, Jason Carr, Joe Kasenga, David Zagorski, Ryan Slosser



Marching Band-5 (front row) Neerja Prasad, Andrew Webb, Stacy Zuick, Nicole Trimolt, Bridget Parker (second row) Tony Markovich, Jason Pastrana, Michael Curran, Chris Kennelly, Kelly Frank, Tori Sroka (back row) David GoShay, Eric Wallace, Ravi Shah, Matt Kuehn, Greg Curran, Nicole Cacich, Matt Coduti



Munster Theater Company-1 (front row) Michael Konopasek, Danielle Trounoularis, Jen Dubish, Kimberly Markovich, Emily Diekelmann, Joel Barnes, Justin Dal Corobbo, Matt Kasenga (second row) Joel Schneider, Alex Grantner, Joe Marcinia, Mike Graczyk, Allison Hasseloff, Jennifer McCreight, David Van Wieren, Julie Nelson, Kristen Kendall (third row) Joel Schneider, Martin Blumberg, David Murks, Patrick Pataky, Brian Carraher, Ryan Blanchard, Pat Thomas, John Mihich (back row) Matt Tepperman, Jeff Chou, Niki Cacich, David Pavkovich, Dan Phillips, Ben DeBoer, Emily Bradley, Devin Johnson



Munster Theater Company-2 (front row) Alex Morley, Danielle Gillund, Genevieve Grdina, Lea Kilbarda, Paige Popravak, Kate Mikels, Erica Rangel (second row) Elizabeth Van Wieren, Katie Taylor, Shobha Pai, Alyssa Larimer, Emily Lyness, Brandi Bishop, Patricia Schmueser, Michelle Becka (third row) Danica Rajevic, Emilie Vandersluis, Ray Szinski, Molly Harson, Lauren Banas, Ashley Drobc, Jenna Candiano, Ben Mann (back row) Julie Kickenapp, Mara Maddocks, Matthew Spyryka, John Nootens, Cy Sefton, Sonja Vasic, Sheena Srivastava, Manini Gupta



Munster Theater Company-3 (front row) Rachel Gosciej, Marnan Campos, Elyse Holloway, Saba Ahmed, Melissa Victor, Amanda Pogach (second row) Jessica Conger, Kait Bandura, Rachel Pucalik, Tammy Lee, Sam Torres, Cristina Benavente (back row) Stephanie Banach, Danielle Niemann, Stacey Welsh, Eric Zygloiwicz, Rachel Mihich, Tiffany Barth, Heather Phipps



Paragon (front row) Jessica Pleitner, Kristina Standley, Adam Carlson, Danielle Wilks, Lauren Guidotti, Elise Miller (back row) Ena Akoforo, Justin Hernandez, Allison Chelgren, Eric Appelsies, Kaylen Huggy, Gina Christopher



Ping Pong-1 (front row) Akash Rusia, Chris Ondo, Troy Velasquez, Dan Anchic, Bret Keil, Joey Domenico, John Bugajski, Leo Giannakis (second row) Eric Zarowiny, Ashley Boyan, Gabriel Blakeley, Chip Andrews, Steven Alspach, Lauren Chernic, Aja Aklay, Sarah Gregson (back row) Chaz Francis, Ajay Patwari, Aditya Shah, Jon Benedek, Ferdi Medina, Jon Veldich, Alex Belise, Daniel Spungren, Niko Culic, Nick Shelton, Mike McIntyre, Steve Luptak, Dan Schlesinger, Kevin Hoffman, Ravi Shah, Dan Witkus



Ping Pong-2 (front row) Troy Velasquez, Colin Carey, Jaymes Doyle, Liz Wibbe, Mike McNicholas, Mark Boeckman, Ben Gouwens, Pat Kozlowski (second row) Michelle Becka, Darryl Dedlow, Murad Omery, Adam Carlson, Phil Chan, Matt Kasenga, Emily Alberti, Justine Bauer (third row) Renae Kooy, Kristy Anderson, Allison Chelgren, Michelle McIntyre, Michelle Potter, Eric Appelsies, Jessica Beezhod, Katie Martino (back row) Nilay Parikh, Bhavik Nana, Ankur Ocdania, Bill Evans, Matt Kuehn, Robert Urbanowicz, Jeff Chou, Chris Kozlowski



Ping Pong-3 (front row) Kaitlin Ritchie, Catherine Lee, Colleen McIntyre, Lizzie Browder, Michele Zehner (second row) Andrea Coulis, Celeste Tiberi, Emily Clark, Stefanie Krasic, Amanda Kilbarda, Colleen Resler (third row) Andrew Webb, Rodrigo Fernandez, Bridget Parker, Anitha Umapathy, Mary VanDeorsen, Alex Galante, Areek Varjabedian (back row) Danielle Flores, Elyse Holloway, Jason Trgovich, Dan Johnson, Dragan Petrovic, Eric Nelson, Kavita Nana, Dragana Petrovic



Project X-1 (front row) Shivani Sharma, Megan Remec, Katherine Ntiamoh, Renee Schmitt, Lindsey Steele, Christine Johnson, Mrs. Linda Adams (second row) Katelyn Laszlo, Ryann Perliniski, Genevieve Grdina, Natalia Paez, Sheena Srivastava, Lynn Kirk, Darcie Kozlowski, Leah Shaffer (third row) Amanda Seligman, Rebecca Stork, Ashley Boyan, David Porter, Zack Perliniski, Gina Rebesco, Monica Manoski, Mary Ann Spolnik (back row) Andy Stevens, Jeff Chou, Andrew Sharp, Mike Sudbury, Prince Kwateng, Ravi Shah, Ajay Patwari, Zak Boswell

working through her history class, Karly Dyttrych, junior, adds the finishing touches to her painting. "I worked on it every period I could," Karly said. "I had a deadline to meet."

quickly setting balloons into their final positions, Kate Lauder milk, senior, decorates the Commons for the Homecoming dance, A Night on Mount Olympus. "We thought the balloons made it feel like you were up in the clouds," Kate said. "It was a nice touch."



with homecoming a few days away, Lauren Torres, senior, traces her graduation year for the senior float. "We put the huge 2004 on the float so that everyone would know that this was our year," Lauren said.





touch of COLOR

adorning the walls with subtle splashes of color, clubs help decorate the school

Working into the late afternoon hours, Taryn Lotak, junior, painted the finishing touches onto the Surrealist Column.

The column featured works of art by famous artists and some of their own artistic touches. Art Club members placed the columns in the auditorium lobby along side other art.

Juniors Taryn, Karly Dytrych, and Samantha Korda, senior, were awarded with the Donald H. Berwanger Award of Excellence along with \$250 prize money for Surrealist Column at the annual Tri-County art show.

"I wanted to be part of something that would last," Taryn said. "I had always seen the columns when I was a lower classman, and I saw their staying power. I wanted to contribute to that."

Art Club also painted garbage cans to spruce up barren halls and the Commons.

"I joined Art Club because I knew it would be fun," Suzy Acosta, sophomore, said. "I'm creative, and I'm not in art class, so this was my other option to express myself."

Along with Student Government that provided dance decorations for the Homecoming theme A Night on Mount Olympus, the cheerleaders carried out their decorating plans for the Turnabout dance.

Using their resources, the cheerleading squad turned the Commons into the 17th century. A feeling of the Shakespearean era drifted through the Commons as the A Midsummer Night's Dream Turnabout theme decorations hung from the ceiling and walls.

"I thought that the decorations were very pretty," varsity cheerleader, Jessica Stalmack, junior, said. "They were elegant and different than another school's theme. We wanted to do something that hadn't been done before."

As students walked the halls, or partied at dances, they found themselves surrounded by wall coverings.

water flowing from the fountain top, seniors Nedra Stuart and Lauren Torres check to see how their A Midsummer Night's Dream decoration will function. "Setting the fountain in one of the doorways made for a romantic setting," Nedra said. "It went along with the theme of the night."

"Even the posters that were put up for the basketball players, or the swimmers brightened up the halls," Murad Omery, junior said. "A little bit of color went a long way."





Project X-2 (front row) Shobha Pai, Stefanie Krasic, Danny Petrovic, Maddie Morley, Alex Morley, Tamiko Toyama, Emily Clark, Lindsay Weiss (second row) Tammy Lee, Sara Feroqi, Nilay Pavikh, David Lukomski, Heather Phipps, Fahu Feroqi, Saba Ahmed (third row) Alyssa Tremaine, Theresa Kretz, Mara Maddocks, Libbie Thompson, Kate Varnum, Lauren Meneghetti, Eunice Ntiamosha, Gina Stofregren (back row) Valerie Umlauf, Bhavik Nana, James Mayfield, Akash Rusia, Luo Jia Zheng, Michael Konopasek, Suzy Acosta



Project X-3 (front row) Sara Schulte, Alyson DeLoera, Katie Martino, Katie Stout, Rachel Gill, Suman Rao, Kavita Nana (second row) Katharine Hamilton, Jessica Beezhold, Kristy Anderson, Todd Loden, Darryl Dedlow, Kara Spurlock, Melissa Kirincic (back row) Josh Raycroft, John Veldiek, Morgan Geberin, Brandon Chynoweth, Bennis Pavisian, Andrew Graves



Project X-4 (front row) Sarah Burnstein, Ashley Carlson, Brittany Bohling, Amy Hammermeister, Stana Romic, Marnan Campos, Cristina Benavente (second row) Mireya Villalba, Meghan Ruich, Angela Banas, Jessica Osengueda, Katherine Sampias, Celeste Tiberi, Branka Romic (back row) Laura Hruska, Rachel Quinones, Angelique Mercier, Booram Ur, Dragana Petrovic, Golnoosh Kamali, Marissa Sylvester, Erica Bhavsar



SADD-1 (front row) Christina Domenico, Soumya Gupta, Emily Clark, Mireya Villalba, Kavita Nana, Sarah Burnstein, Erica Bhavsar (second row) Stefanie Krasic, Michelle Becka, Jessica Arens, Kristen Szafas, Brogan Guthrie, Cara Witteki, Saba Ahmed, Madilyn Moran (back row) Alyssa Tremaine, Alyson DeLoera, Jayme Jedzejczak, Lisa Krismanick, Lauren Banas, Lauren Torres, Tamiko Toyama, Branka Romic



SADD-2 (front row) Katie Daniels, Mary Ann Spolnik, Valerie Umlauf, Suman Rao (second row) Denny Lee, Bhavik Nana, Joanna Biestek, Nilay Parikh, Theresa Kretz (third row) Amanda Seligman, Ajay Patwari, Kevin Strbjak, Natalia Paz, Aditya Shah, Jacob Krismanick (back row) Rebecca Stork, Julie Bassetto, Jared Flahaven, Matt Westerlund, Niko Culic, Ashley Boyan

proud of "Snow Flurry's" purpose, Emily Jones, senior, organizes snack food. Each child received juice and cookies to appease appetites. "Those kids were happy to get their snacks," Emily said. "I expected them to be disorderly and demand their food, but they surprisingly appreciated our help and waited patiently for their turn."

recalling her days of "Snow Flurry" excitement, Lucy Brown, junior, plays "Duck-Duck-Goose" with a group of kids. "I joined 'Snow Flurry' because I remembered when I was in fifth grade how much fun I had," Lucy said. "It really felt good to give those kids the same feeling."





nervously waiting for her arm to be prepared for the blood drive, Laura Lautz, senior, sits uneasily in her chair. "I was really nervous when the nurse first started because I thought that something might go wrong," Laura said. "After I finished giving blood, I felt great because I knew that it could save someone's life."

mind on the appropriate sign, Keith Lorentz, freshman, signs the National Anthem during the football half time show. After the American Sign Language's performance, the audience stood in appreciation. "Everyone thought it was beautiful," Keith said. "It was amazing that we all could show our practice for a good cause."

CIRCLE of serving

students discover that serving their community also benefits themselves

Complete silence dominated the field. A glimpse of light peeked from behind the bleachers. As the band began to play the National Anthem, the audience stood up in respect and the American Sign Language (ASL) Club performed. Each hand gesture danced with the melodies while giving an unspoken message.

"That performance meant a lot to me because everyone signed so beautifully," Nedra Stuart, senior, said. "I joined the ASL Club because I knew that I could do something that could help someone."

From Project X to National Honor Society (NHS), students joined clubs to help their community and eventually, themselves.

"I joined German Club because I thought it was interesting to learn about different cultures," Gustana Romic, sophomore, said. "It helped to get rid of the biases toward that culture."

With the various events clubs sponsored, students involved had opportunities to help their community.

"Student Government improved the school," Tom Grater, junior, said, "I wanted to be a part of that so I joined."

Throughout the year, Student Government sponsored several events for the community. The blood drive collected 128 units of blood for future use. Each unit of blood helped save three lives.

SADD's dedication to the community kept the number of "DUI's" down during prom weekend. According to Officer Jim Ghrist, the video played before prom weekend probably helped to prevent students from drinking and driving.

Project X donated school supplies to Catholic charities. These supplies provided underprivileged children with the same academic advantages as their peers. According to co-president Kathy Ntiamoah, senior, Project X enhanced her high school experience. She realized that donations of basic necessities meant a lot to people without those items.

Whatever charitable act they decided to pursue, clubs' actions affected their community. Financial aid, helpful donations or simply a little support brought smiles to the people the clubs helped. The thanks they received brought members to the realization that helping others helped them.

After ASL finished their last sign, they anticipated the audience's reaction. After a few moments of letting the performance set in, the audience stood in appreciation of the performance.



Spanish Club-1 (front row) Lindy Hernandez, Jim Knesek, David Lukowski, Renee Schmitt, Denny Lee, Shivani Sharma, Anna Stariha, Amanda Roque (second row) Soumya Gupta, Tammy Lee, Maddie Morley, Ryan Gott, Mara Maddocks, Alissa Rosario, Alyson Patton, Suzy Acosta (third row) Todd Loden, Elena Falloon, Kate Varnum, Chetan Chaubal, Darryl Dedelow Jr., Detelyn Laszlo, Bennis Pavisian, Shreyas Joshi (back row) Ajay Patwari, Patrick Pataky, Mike McIntyre, Natalia Paez, Rebecca Stork, Linda Landowski, Julie Paulauski, Arun Umapathy



Spanish Club-2 (front row) Erica Ranade, Erica Bhavsar, Jessica Conger, Michelle Becka, Michael Konopasek, Clare McCulloch, Mireya Villalba, Dana Sarber (second row) Cara Witecki, Roli Mandhana, Krystle Murzyn, Rachel Pucalik, Sean Leto, Booram Ur, Conner Leto, Alex Morley (back row) Anitha Umapathy, Desiree Cossyleon, Kara Spurlock, Cristina Vanko, Abby Purcell, Celeste Tiberi, Danielle Fuentes, Rachel Quinones



Spanish Club-3 (front row) Allison Debold, Michelle Jones, Marissa Sylvester, Bethan Sylvester, Marnan Campos, Sheiphal Gandhi (second row) Kelly McWilliams, Natalie Marchuk, Shobha Pai, Natalie Banka, Katie Pearman (back row) Tamiko Toyama, Farha Farooq, Neisy Castillo, Sara Farooq, Emily Clark, Ayesha Harris



Speech and Debate-1 (front row) Jen Dubish, Joel Barnes, Shreyas Joshi, Akash Rusia, Andrew Lee, Billy Lewis, Justin Dal Corobbo, Pat Thomas (second row) Kate Varnum, Lauren Meneghetti, Martin Blumberg, Madeline Grdina, Genevieve Grdina, Joel Schneider, Phillip Shapiro, Eric Appelles (third row) David Strain, Hannah Hurdner, Rebecca Stork, Jon Fisher, Zack Perlinski, Ashley Boyan, Alexandra Pavkovich, Liz Wible (back row) Paul Cowgill, Dan Witkus, Matt Tepperman, Jason Gott, David Pavkovich, Matt Gifford, Ravi Shah, Jia Hou



Speech and Debate-2 (front row) Cristina Vanko, Desiree Cossyleon, Heather Phipps, Anna Stariha, Cara Witecki, Dajita Sundi, Danielle Wilks, Melissa Kirincic (second row) Joana Bistek, Alex Gräntner, Mary Carp, Chris Hansen, Rohan Bhagwat, Chris Kennelly, Andrew Schütz, Gina Stoffregen (third row) Denny Lee, Samantha Skrobot, Mara Maddocks, Lynn Kirk, Alyson DeLoera, Daniel Spungen, Murad Omery, Alyssa Tremaine (back row) Olivia Gershman, Elena Falloon, Alyssa Larimer, Danielle Troumoularis, Eunice Ntiamoh, Anitha Umapathy, Katelyn Lazlo, Sonja Vasic

making final

preparations, Mark Sikora, senior, practices his trombone before the Dec. 15 Orchestra concert. The orchestra finished fifth in state in May in Indianapolis. "I always played before the concerts to give myself that extra reassurance," Mark said.



at the halftime

show, David Zagorski, junior, showcases his talent on the tuba as he plays the school song, The Marching Band performed during all football games and had their own section in the stands.

after fixing

sophomore Amanda Kilibarda's bow tie, Emily Clark, sophomore, and Amanda head off to their Glee Club performance in the auditorium. "I got nervous before the performances," Amanda said. "But after realizing that a bunch of people would be singing with me, I was fine."





BEAT goes on

whether singing to a friend or drumming in the auditorium, students entertained

Slowly the tempo picked up. Gradually the small thumps turned to loud booms. African Drumming Club began to play "Sintay" in front of hundreds of elementary students and the audience grinned in approval as the song continued.

African Drumming Club members appreciated their audience's gratitude. According to Justine Bauer, senior, the expression on the children's faces while they played made the experience worthwhile.

"It was so great to play in front of the kids," Justine said. "They had so much enthusiasm and they really got into our performance."

The club's performance helped entertain the young kids by giving them an opportunity to experience a different culture. The African Drumming Club played five songs for the children.

From altos to tenors, Women's Ensemble, along with Mixed Ensembles, followed African Drumming Club's performance in the auditorium throughout the year.

"When you perform in front of people, you got this amazing feeling that you are bringing joy to your audience," Amanda Bacoyanis, freshman, said.

Amanda's participation in Women's Ensemble helped her to see the effect a performance had on people.

"People just listened to us when we sang," Amanda said. "It felt wonderful to know that our audience cared about our performance and that our practices finally paid off."

The annual Tri-County art show held at the Performing Arts Center added to the community's visual aspect. Each drawing added its own style to the exhibit. Individual winners included Taryn Lotak, junior, who received the Donald H. Bermanger Awards of Excellence, and Karlyn

during an integral scene in the *Sound of Music*, Alex Grantner, senior, escorts Ashley Troumouliaris, senior, into a party. The play, which lasted over two and a half hours, marked Ashley's final stage production. "I had mixed emotions about the play," Ashley said. "It turned out great, but I was just sad that it was my last play here."

Dytrych, junior, who won the Juror's Award for *Indestructible Girl*. Seniors Aja Aktay, Erin McGuan and Melissa Obszanski received Best of Show for their group work entitled *Impressionistic Column* that went on display by the Main Office.



continued

BEAT goes on

"I participated in the show because I wanted to show my art in front of a bunch of people," Taryn said.

Marching onto the football field at halftime, the band, which consisted of over 100 members, proudly played the school song in front of the home bleachers.

"Marching Band was the whole reason why I was in band," David Zagorski, junior, said. "I loved getting out there and performing not only music but the steps as well."

With their own section in the stands, the band played the Jaws and Star Wars theme, along with other songs to get the crowd pumped up for the upcoming play.

"I think we played a big part in the success of some of the football games," Matt Coduti, junior, said. "We got the crowd excited, which got the players excited and made them perform better."

As the African Drumming Club ended their show at the Dyer elementary school, the lights dimmed and the emotion lessened. Although the beats may have ceased, the audience's recollection of the sound continued to echo in their minds once the drummers left the floor.

focused on their djembe's, African Drumming Club performs during halftime at a Girls' Varsity Basketball game. In its second year of existence, African Drumming had over 15 members who practiced on Sunday afternoons. "Since I've been playing drums for three years, I wanted to branch off into another form of drums with a different sound," Elise Miller, junior, said.

performing first at the Winter Band Concert, sophomore Matt Tepperman, senior Chris Mihalo, junior Keith Lorenz and freshman John Michael Mulesa play in the horn section of the jazz band. "It felt good to perform our piece in front of everyone," Keith said. "It was also nice to go first so we could get it over with."





while signing the Star-Spangled Banner, Justin Libak, senior, performs before the start of a football game. "I took ASL because I got sick of Spanish and wanted to try something new," Justin said.



looking over their binder, Dan Phillips, senior, and Eric Zyglowicz, sophomore, practice lighting the stage. The Auditorium Staff took part in everything from lighting to selling tickets during the plays and musicals.

with bodies positioned toward the home bleachers, the horn section of the band finishes playing the school song. The band played during the halftimes of football games to show their talent and keep the crowd entertained.



Speech-3 (front row) Tamiko Toyama, Emily Clark, Mireya Villaiba, Paige Poprakak, Erica Bhavsar, Kim Dooley, Meghan Guthrie, Stefanie Krasic (row two) Erica Ranade, Lauren Hudak, Emily Lyness, Katie Taylor, Alex Galante, Chan Huynh, Manini Gupta, Michelle Becka (back row) Danica Rajcevic, Emilee Vandersluis, Elise Miller, Catherine Lee, Michael Konopasek, Matt Kasenga, Sarah-Anne Lanman, Anne McShane



Speech-4 (front row) Amanda Pogach, Shephali Gandhi, Dana Sarber, Aisha Siddiqui, Kalpana Patil, Rose McLean, Elissa Moll (row two) Rakhi Patil, Jessica Conger, Sam Torres, Saba Ahmed, Brett Anne Anderson, Shobha Pai (back row) Amanda Kilibarda, Cristina Benavente, Rolli Mandhana, Rohini Chatterjee, Natalie Moya, Rachel Eldert, Soumya Gupta



Student Government (front row) Shobha Pai, Chan Huynh, Tamiko Toyama, Emily Clark, Dana Sarber, Emily Lyness, Alexa Harris, Lauren Hudak, Hilary Grunewald (second row) Kimmi Hasse, Joe Raycroft, Lindsey Steele, Katie Szafarz, Marissa Zoppetti, Tina Shieh, Lane Wagner, Desiree Cossyleon (row three) Genevieve Grdina, Sara Dobrinich, Josh Raycroft, Billy Lewis, Kate Laudermilk, Kelley Fernandez, Lea Kilibarda, Emily E. Jones (back row) Mike Shinkin, Tom Grantner, Steve Ziemba, Matt Westerlund, Jelf Marinier, Bojan Rajkovic, Jonathon Funston, Zak Boswell



Thespians (front row) Amanda Pogach, Stacey Welsh, Erica Ranade, Rachel Mihich, Molly Hanson, Cristina Benavente, Rachel Gosic (row two) Eric Zyglowicz, Paige Poprakak, Elizabeth VanWieren, Brandi Bishop, Ben Marz, Jenna Cardiano, Melissa Victor (row three) Julie Kiekenapp, Matthew Spyra, Kristen Kendall, Genevieve Grdina, Martin Blumberg, Justin Dal Corobbo, Kimberly Markowicz (back row) Alex Grantner, David Murks, Niki Cacich, Dan Phillips, Ben DeBoer, Emily Bradley, John Mihich, Mike Graczyk

Performances at games keep fans cheering with spirit

FLYING high

Fans shout and talk as Ashley Brown, junior, raises above her squad and performs a "High V", getting the crowd ready for the start of the game.

"At the beginning of every game we would do a new routine," Ashley said. "Not only did it help us practice, it gave the crowd something to watch and get into before the game started."

Cheering throughout the game kept spirits high, as the Boys' Varsity Basketball team defeated Gary Westside 59-54 in the first round of Sectionals. When the buzzer sounded, the cheerleaders and crowd let out shouts of approval.

"It was a great feeling when we won," Brittany Bohling, junior, said. "The game was getting really close and we were all nervous. Then, when the buzzer rang, we all stood up and screamed our heads off."

From a room-temperature gymnasium to frosty evenings with pouring rain, the girls' faced the unpredictable weather. The cheerleading squad still kept their arms up and voices loud for the Homecoming game as rain fell down upon the football field. The dreary weather kept some fans away, but the diehard stayed until the end. The weather did not deter the squad from doing their job.

"It was cold and wet out there, but there were still fans and players to cheer for," Lauren Torres, senior, said. "You had to keep their spirits up, that's what you're there for."

However, the cheerleaders didn't just cheer for fans and home teams. Capturing first place honors at Merrillville and second place in Peoria, IL, competitions showed the squad could raise more than spirits.

"Cheering at competitions was really scary," Kim Hasse, sophomore, said. "You know the judges are watching every move you make. Everything has to go perfect in order to win."

Cold shoulder

Taking a break during the Homecoming game, sophomores Brittany Lewis, Tamiko Toyama, Brooke Kozlowski and Alyson DeLoera try to keep warm. "We tried to stay as close as possible so we could keep warm during our breaks," Kozlowski said.

Arms out

With arms pointed, Ashley Brown, junior performs her routine before the Varsity game against Chesterton. "When we would cheer when the team was playing well, I felt excited because we were cheering, and the crowd was too," Ashley Brown said.

"I really got in to cheering during the games. I asked myself, 'If I wasn't in to it, who would be?'"

senior
Lauren Torres





On high

Preparing to perform a pyramid, Kara Clark, Christina Largus, and Nedra Stuart, seniors, raise classmate Lauren Torres in the air. Mounts were used by cheerleaders before games to get the crowd ready. "It's fun being up there," Torres said. "Everyone's looking at you though, and sometimes it can be a little scary if your legs are shaky."



Head up

Eyes raised to the rafters, juniors Brittany Bohling and Jessica Stalmack focus on the scoreboard during the Boys' Varsity sectional game against Gary Westside. The boys' won in the final minutes. "The game was getting really close," Bohling said. "I really wanted us to win, and that's what I was thinking about all night."



Freshman Cheerleading (front row) Elizabeth Vacendak, Kaitlin Szafasz, Marissa Zoppetti (second row) Olivia Gershman, Alyssa Larimer (back row) Lauren Hudak, Hilary Grunewald, Taylor DellaRocco



JV Cheerleading (front row) Brooke Kozlowski, Jordan Sunderland (second row) Alyson DeLoera, Eunice Ntiamaoh, Tamiko Toyama (back row) Kim Hasse, Brittany Lewis



Hands up

After finishing her cheer, Kristen Szafasz, junior, keeps her arm raised in position. "Cherring at games required you to always be focused and loud," Szafasz said. "You had to show the crowd and the team that you were there to get them going."

Stargazing

With players running by, sophomore Kim Hasse and freshmen Taylor DellaRocco and Hilary Grunewald watch the game. Grunewald's cheers were more heartfelt as her older brother Adam Grunewald, junior, played on the Boys' Varsity Basketball team.



Varsity Cheerleading (front row) Angela Sowinski, Nedra Stuart, Lauren Torres, Kara Clark, Jessica Stalmack (second row) Christina Largus, Ashley Brown, Brittany Bohling, Sara Dobrinich (back row) Aubrey Velasquez, Kristen Szafasz, AJ Skinner

Emotions run high as Dance Team pushes to maintain winning

BALANCE

Holding their breath in anticipation, the Dance Team restrained themselves before hearing their name announced over the speaker.

"And placing first, winning by 5.5 points," the announcer's voice boomed.

The girls could barely keep their composure, knowing they had beat their rivals Lake Central making them Regional Champions.

"Munster High School," the announcer finally confirmed.

The girls erupted into celebration. Joyous tears fell, as the team became a mass of warm embraces and shouts.

"I couldn't believe that Lake Central could have gotten fourth," captain Megan Hershberger, senior, said. "It just seemed really absurd because they performed so well."

Then silence fell over the team as the announcer informed the crowd that there had been an error and team scores had been switched giving Lake Central first place.

"Leah [Shaffer] and I were bewildered when we walked up to get the trophy," Hershberger said, "It didn't make sense that LC placed so low."

The setback made the team stronger going into State two weeks later in Indianapolis.

"We would have liked to have taken a second or obviously first," Shaffer said, "but we didn't hang our heads with third. We still beat more talented teams."

Although unable to beat Lake Central, the Varsity Dance Team ended their year-long season with a third place at State.

With six senior qualifying for the All-State team, the girls' overcame the odds and broke a record for most girls from a single school on the All-State team.

"The team panicked a bit at first," Leah Alberson, sophomore, said. "But we soon realized we could manage."

The girls proved determined and impressed judges with individualized solos and ensembles, which they choreographed on their own. The small ensemble placed fourth at State, and the large ensemble captured first place at State to conclude their undefeated season.

As the harsh realization set in that the team lost to Lake Central, the girls fell apart. "I cried the entire way home," Kristina Standley, junior, said. "In the end though, the event made us come together to work even harder than before."

Giving a hand

To raise money for the team, Sarah Liszka, junior, sorts through rummage sale items. The girls sold old items from home to mostly older people buying for grandchildren. The items not sold were given to Amvets. "It turned out to be pretty fun," Liszka said, "By the end of the day we were riding around on the old bikes together."

All together now

In perfect unison, seniors Kristin Tanzillo and Maria Stopper and junior Kristina Standley entertain the crowds at half time. Tanzillo qualified for State in the Senior Solo division along with four other seniors, and two placed within the top five at state.

“After awards were announced at Regionals, I showed off my seizure dance to the entire team as I promised. It was so funny.”

senior
Kristin Tanzillo





Alumni

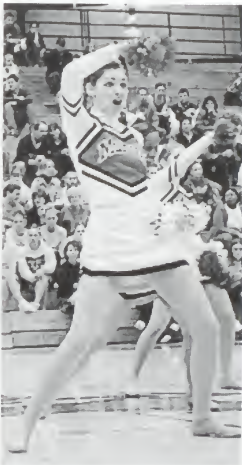
Performing in the pom routine at the Munster Invitational, Jillian Balazs, senior, and Kristina Standley, junior, hope to beat rival Lake Central. All six seniors on the team rose to a near celebrity status at competitions. The entire senior group made the All-State team setting a new Indiana High School Dance Team Association record for most girls from a single school to make the team.

Stand up

Arm extended, Rachel Heinrich, sophomore, performs in the JV pom routine at Regionals. The JV team bonded throughout the season on bus rides where they would sing together. "We loved to sing and dance and just act real goofy," Heinrich said.

Upcoming

As the Varsity Dance Team performs for the spectators during a football half time show, the girls go through their routine. The team started the year with 16 members, but four juniors left, leaving a void to fill. "We all missed the girls who quit, but later we were able to joke about it," captain Megan Hershberger, senior, said. "We named them honorary poms."



JV Dance Team (front row) Kaitlin Newell, Lizzie Browder, Sam Torres (second row) Illisa Gershman, Elyse Van Camp, Amanda Kilibarda, Rachel Heinrich (back row) Kaitlin Ritchie, Sam Taylor, Amber Morrow, Rosie Lopez, Michelle Zehner



Varsity Dance Team (front row) Alea Harris, Lauren Davis, Jillian Balazs, Kristin Tanzillo, Kristina Standley, Maria Stopper (second row) Jennifer Zgorka, Megan Hershberger, Leah Shaffer, Kathryn Slaboski (back row) Christina Guanzon, Manini Gupta, Morgan Geberin, Leah Alberson, Sarah Liszka

Cross Over

Despite quitting teammates, boys finish 13th out of 20 at Semi-State

“LAC meets always foreshadowed how the Conference meet would turn out.”
—junior Murad Omery



Cross Country

Crown Point,	
Highland	2nd of 3
Gavit Invite	5th of 9
Lowell,	
Kankakee	
Valley,	
Andean	1st of 4
TF South	
Invite	
LAC 8	5th of 12
@Highland	6th of 20
LAC 8	
@Griffith	5th of 7
Lowell Invite	2nd of 12
Highland Invite	6th of 20
Kankakee	
Valley Invite	2nd of 7
LAC @Lowell	2nd-13
Sectionals	2nd of 8
Regional	5th of 10
Semi-State	13th of 20

Record 85-39

All Conference:

1st team:

Donny Yamtich,
Murad Omery,
Dannay White

Huddling together in the cold fall weather, the Boys' Varsity Cross Country team just finished running the New Prairie Semi State. All is silent, waiting anxiously to hear their rank. "And in 13th place," the announcer sounded, "Munster Mustangs."

"Everybody ran great and came together for the last time in our unexpected 13th place finish," captain Donny Yamtich, senior, said. "I'm going to miss the cross country experience."

With injury to two of the top four runners, the boys still found ways to overcome and win meets.

"We overcame injuries, went out there and ran hard," Murad Omery, junior, said. "We achieved what we had to."

While trying to cope with the loss of quitting teammates, the team built up a friendship and bonded through pasta dinners. They united to achieve a 13-20 season.

"The team did great and overcame a lot of setbacks," Omery said. "We showed we really deserved the success we accomplished this season."

Undaunted by the obstacles they faced, the team proved their perseverance by placing 2nd at Conference and Sectionals. With teammates down due to injury, freshmen Darryl Dedelow and Brendan Georgas stepped up and achieved their personal bests at the key meets.

"We were trying to win at Sectionals; we thought we had a shot at winning it," Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright science teacher, said. "But, Lake Central again proved to be too strong for us. Our first three guys were up there with them, but our four and five runners just couldn't do it."

At the Highland Invite they reached their goal by beating Highland and finishing 6th out of the 24 teams that competed.

"We all ran well and beat our personal best. We also wanted to beat Highland," Dedelow said. "They were a good team and it's an accomplishment to beat Highland."

Yamtich tried to find new ways of giving constructive criticism for the dwindling team.

"There were times when guys didn't feel like the team was important. They missed practice or didn't put enough energy into the meets. This caused us to lose some key meets," he said.

Their determination led them to a Semi-State finish.

Right of passage

With one quarter of the race completed, Eliot Benman, junior, tries to pass his opponent at the T.F. South race. It was difficult for some runners, but often made easier to pass due to the long chute at the end of the race. "It was a hard race," Benman said. "The most relieving part was going into the chute."



Line drive

His eye on the prize, captain Donny Yamtich, senior, crosses the finish line at the TF South Invite. "I ran the senior race, which I think had the most competition of the four years," Yamtich said.



Cry from the crowd

Listening to the voices of his father and brother, Danny White, sophomore, feels relief after passing another runner. "My dad and brother were right there shouting for me to not let him pass me," White said. "That's when I sprinted ahead."

Listen up

With the meet on their minds, the team gathers to listen to Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright teacher. "It was a time to think about what the team could do to improve," captain Don Yamtich, senior, said.



Pump it up

Ready to prepare for the upcoming run, the varsity boys circle around for a pep talk from Captain Donny Yamtich, senior. The boys would always put their heads together before a meet to set their priorities for the race. "I liked to get all the guys together," Yamtich said. "It was to get them pumped up and focused on the meet."



Boys' Cross Country: (front row) Josh Raycroft, Dennis Lee, Darryl Dedelow, Austin Piech, (second row) Murad Omery, Matt Skertich, Brendan Georgas, Matt Jones, Danny White, (back row) Aaron Pleitner, Don Yamtich, Steve Millies, Elliot Benman, Billy Lewis, Coach Aaron Brown



Out of Sight

With a
Regional
championship
under their belt,
girls leave
competition in
the dust.

“Staying together and keeping with the pack is something we improved on.”
sophomore Jennie Jamicich



Girls' Cross Country

Crown Point	1st of 3
Highland	2nd of 7
Gavit Invite	LAC7
@ Lowell	3rd of 7
TF South	3rd of 16
Invite	LAC 8
@ Highland	2nd of 8
Rensselaer	1st of 4
Invite	LAC 8
@ Griffith	1st of 6
Lowell Invite	1st of 8
Highland	5th of 17
Invite	5th of 17
Kankakee	1st of 10
Valley Invite	LAC
@ Lowell	1st of 11
Sectional	1st of 8
Regional	1st of 10
State	11th of 20

Record 99-19

Coach of the Year:
Darlene Shike
All Conference:
1st team:

Jennie Jamicich
Julia Konopasek
Suzanne Quasny

Ready, set, GO! Jennie Jamicich, sophomore, starts her 2.5 mile race heading into the crowd of more than 50 runners. Fans screamed as she raced ahead of the other runners.

Typical Varsity Girls' Cross Country Team traditions included winning Conference and Sectionals, but the girls' talent gave the team a new tradition. The girls, for the first time in school history, snatched Regionals by beating Andean, 73-75.

"It was a tightly run race," Coach Darlene Shike said. "We were so used to knowing ahead of time if we won, but this time we actually had to wait for the announcement."

Filled with accomplishments, the girls beat their rivals Andean only twice throughout the season, both occurring when it really mattered, including Conference.

"We talked about beating Andean all week at practice," captain Amanda Shike, senior, said. "It was a real team effort, but we pulled through and beat them in the season when it really mattered."

Due to determination and hard work, they often came into the chute, the straightaway at the end of the race, at close numbers. This ability to run in a line made the team well known to other local teams who gave them the nickname "Sausage Links".

"We were always nervous when we got to a course," Shike said. "But we ran as a pack and because of this, our top five runners came in together."

More than just practice, determination and talent, the girls gave credit to the "superfans" that came to every meet.

"It was a close race," superfan Kim Markovich, junior, said referring to the Regional meet. "I was just ecstatic that our girls had enough determination and heart to win."

With miles behind them and the wind on their backs, Jamicich and her teammates felt the thrill of a final finish. They entered the chute and came to yet another "sausage-link" race ending.

Close at hand

Hand in hand, captain Amanda Shike, senior, and Jennie Jamicich, sophomore, finish their Gatorade after the race. The girls often walked together to cool down after a race as a sign of team unity. "We walked together in celebration of a good race," Shike said. "It was a way to relax and stretch out our muscles."



Through the woods

Down the hill, Lindsay Steel, senior, pushes along at the meet. "Going up the hill is hardest part," Steele said. "But going down is such a relief."



Sign of relief

After finishing a 2.5 mile race, captain Julia Konopasek, senior, catches her breath. "Nothing could take away from the feeling I got after accomplishing the course," Konopasek said.

Girls' Cross Country: (front row) Renee Schmitt, Michelle Potter, Justine Bauer, Suzanne Quasny, Julia Konopasek, Amanda Shike, Lindsay Steele, (second row) Shivani Sharma, Amanda Roque, Maritza Roque, Alex Ruich, Sarah Steele, Jennie Jamisich, Emily Alberti, Christia Bieda, (back row) Egle Vaitiekute, Tamiko Toyama, Heather Haneman, Ashley DeVries, Katie Harvey, Jordan Jancosek, Coach Darlene Shike



Catch me if you can

With no other runner in sight, captain Amanda Shike, senior, stretches to cross the finish line. She ran the long T.F. South straight away after a 2.5 mile race. "The straight away is so long at T.F. South," Shike said. "You just knew that when you reached it, you still had so much to run."

Patching things up

After going down while blocking on a play, trainer John Doherty treats Mike Penman, senior, for a knee injury. No serious injuries occurred during the games. "If you got injured you had to accept it and move on," Penman said. "It's what football is all about."

In the pocket

Covered by his lineman, quarterback Wally Cirafesi, senior, completes a pass against Lowell. The predominantly senior-filled team emphasized the importance of their last homecoming despite the 20-22 loss.



Say "ahh"

Rehydrating during a break, Scott Starewicz, senior, gets ready to return to the action. "I didn't always feel like I could keep going," Starewicz said, "but water helped."



Out of reach

Unsuccessfully tackling Lowell #33, linebacker Mark Balicki, junior, falls to the ground as the Lowell offense breaks away. The boys were unable to beat Lowell at Sectionals.



One step ahead

Narrowly evading a Lowell tackle, running back Jason Grunewald, senior, runs for a first down as Scott Starewicz, senior, helps block. Grunewald's speed provided part of a balanced running attack. "It was a heartbreaking game for us all," Grunewald said. "We were close." The Mustangs lost 20-22.





Senior
leadership
accomplishes
8-3 record,
but comes up
short at
Sectionals

Lay it on the Line

Quickly, a moderate hum turns to a deafening roar as a huddle of players belt out the words to Bill Withers' "Lean On Me." The boys sway side-to-side, arm over arm, and continue with their heartfelt version of the 1972 classic.

"I guess the homecoming dance huddle was a team unity thing," wide receiver Bart Banach, senior, said. "We were telling ourselves it wasn't the end of the season and we could still come back."

A noticeable feeling of disappointment hung over the players during the dance after the 22-20 loss to Lowell the previous night, according to Banach.

Though the setback against Lowell proved to damper the players' dancing spirit, past wins lightened the loss. A decisive victory in overtime against their long-time Griffith rivals highlighted their 8-3 season.

Players overcame injuries to be able to stake a claim in the 49-42 Griffith win. Running back Brian Hayes, senior, toughed out a pulled hamstring to play in the game and ended up pulling his Achilles tendon. According to Hayes, it felt worth it.

"When it was over, I just felt great," Hayes said. "I was still running off that adrenaline."

Their performance in the Griffith game topped the season as the most memorable, according to the players.

"Never had I ever seen a game like this," offensive lineman Tony Spinoso, senior, said. "It was a shootout."

According to Coach Marsh, quarterback Wally Cirafesi, senior, and Banach proved a great asset through their precision and reliability as a pair. However, the team didn't subsist on the duo alone.

Fullback Prince Kwateng, junior, secured the Griffith win with his final yard score.

Battle ground

Just one step ahead of his opponent, wide receiver Bart Banach, senior, goes in for a touchdown against Highland. Quarterback Wally Cirafesi, senior, connected with Banach, and won the "Battle of the Bridge." "I just knew Wally," Banach said. "Even if I was covered, his pass would always find me."

"Griffith is always a close game, so I wasn't surprised that we ended up in overtime," Coach Leroy Marsh said. "We were down by 14 points on three separate occasions, but they couldn't stop us from clawing our way back." continued on page 102

“
We won
together and we
lost together”
”

Mike Lee,
senior



Varsity Football

Kankakee	48-0
Valley	28-0
Gary West	14-9
Highland	49-42
Griffith	24-8
Hobart	20-22
Morton	40-14
Lowell	20-28
Hammond	
Andrean	

Sectionals	
Gary West Side	40-20
Lowell	7-21

Record 8-3
Conference 5-2

All-Conference
Wally Cirafesi
Jason Grunewald
Brian Hayes
Bart Banach
Mike Lee

Lay it on the Line

continued

JV Football

Kankakee	
Valley	38-12
Highland	20-26
Griffith	1-0
Hobart	26-30
Morton	27-0
Lowell	14-6
Andean	29-26

Record 5-2

Freshman Football

Kankakee	23-14
Valley	40-6
Gary Wirt	40-6
Highland	6-0
Griffith	0-32
Hobart	20-0
Morton	14-0
Lowell	0-8
Hammond	46-6

Record 6-2

Griffith turned out to be only one of many of the season's wins. The boys proudly took the title in "The Battle of the Bridge" against the long-time rival Highland opponents. The coaches emphasized that it would be a game they'd never forget, especially after a 13-9 victory.

Despite promising successes, the boys succumbed to Lowell a second time at Sectionals, cutting their optimistic season short with a 21-7 loss.

"We won together and we lost together," kicker Jon Funston said. "I really respected the seniors for how hard they worked. It really kept us together."

According to Nick Cosme, senior, after many celebrated wins and some poignant losses, the boys still called themselves "brothers from another mother."

The homecoming huddle broke apart as the last line of their unofficial motto faded into the background, "We all need somebody to lean on."

Break through

Tuning out the audience's blare, running back Brian Hayes (33), senior, follows Billy Stewart (11), sophomore, as they charge the field. Cheerleaders made the hoop to hype the homecoming game. "When you charge the field you really can't see anyone," Hayes said. "All you do is hear the crowd and get pumped up."

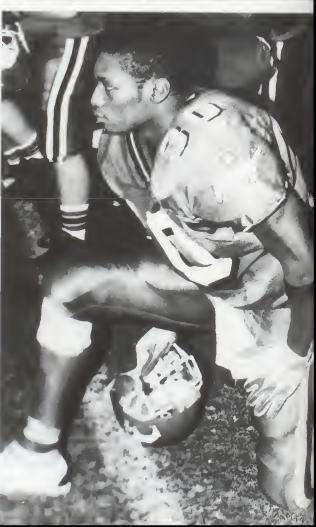


Breathing room

Quickly going in for a block, guard Tony Spinoso (58), senior, allows running back Brian Hayes (33), senior, to get some running room. "It was our first loss and it was homecoming," Spinoso said. "It's like getting dumped on Valentine's Day."

The waiting game

Helmet in hand and eyes on the action, fullback Prince Kwateng (30), junior, waits to take the field as his teammates defeat Highland 13-9. "The coaches all said it would be one of the most important games we'd ever play," Kwateng said.





Halfway there

With his eyes fixed on the ball, quarterback Wally Cirafoesi (3), senior, watches a successful pass reach wide receiver Bart Banach, senior. Cirafoesi and Banach proved a powerful duo.



Freshman Football (front row) Matt Jones, Cam Selet, Josh Bauer, Zac Curtis, Devin Johnson, James Hesterman, Josh Hynek, Joe Wings (second row) Ben Mendenhall, Jon Velchek, Tom Mambourg, Richard Meyers, John Bugajski, James Han, David Goshay (third row) Ryan Slosser, Zach Oswald, Cory Dillner, Andrew Jonells, Frank Hibbs, Eric Cox, Kevin Donahue, Adam Bissonette (fourth row) Tony Benevente, Kyle Harker, Jerome Magsaysay, Jake Groszek, Chris Winterhauer, Peter Jurich, Matt Lipinski (fifth row) Alex Bilse, Greg Blair, Russel Starcevic, Pat Pohrte, Michael Fisher, Kevin Thorp, Philip Chiang, Ryan Thorp (back row) Brian Vance, Mike Mikolajczyk, John Strong, Patrick DeRolf, Chaz Franciski, David Fandl, Ryan Burns, Matt Backs



Varsity Football (front row) Wally Cirafoesi, Bart Banach, Josh Caddick, Jon Caddick, Scott Starewicz, Jason Grunewald, Brian Hayes, Nick Cosmo, Mike Lee (second row) Tony Spinoso, Pat Winterhauer, Pete Cris, Emobuch Gbagi, Mike Penman, Dave Paliga, Bryan Adams, Pat Kunka, Jon Funston, Brent Banach (third row) Brandon Platt, Jordan Barnes, Jon Fisher, Joel Barnes, Chris Selet, Prince Kwateng, Yun Tai, Zak Boswell, Kyle Benich (fourth row) Nick Murphy, Ryan Dillner, David Porter, Joe Dwards, Rich Cigler, Mark Balicki, Taylor Hopkins, Thomas Simmons, Brian Rubesha (fifth row) Trevor Clippert, Dave Pavkovich, Andrew Bilse, Erich Maul, Bill Stuart, Tim Lukoshus, Jake Ernd, Taylor Del Rio, Carmelo Gonzelez, Nick Volkman, Ken Florek (sixth row) David Snuckel, Tom Paliga, Tony Jurkash, Nick Burchfield, Mark Sajin, Ricky Paulson, Brian Meyers, Alex Peck, Nick Benedek, Anthony Carrillo (seventh row) Zack Glasen, Mark Bates, Max Topete, Alex Lebo, Mike Jones, Lance Surma, Joe Bridgeman, Joe Bridgeman, Tom Ramus (back row) John Doherty, Bob Shinkan, Leroy Marsh, Brian Clark, Ryan Ridgley, Rob McCall, Pat Los

One step ahead

Evading a tackle, Jason Grunewald (25), senior, runs for a first down as Scott Starewicz (20), senior, blocks.

Girls' Varsity Golf Team: (front row) Madeline Ordina, Amanda Reuter, Dana Sarber, Kelley Fernandez, Elizabeth Wible (back row) Kelly Yurasovich, Mara Maddocks, Hallie Gibbs, Sarah Grabarczyk, Jennifer McCreight, Coach Jim Davidson

Gather 'round

As the girls chatter, Coach Jim Davidson tries to give direction. "The girls all got along with each other," he said. "That can be good, but not when you have something to say."



Slow and steady

Heading to the next tee, Jennifer McCreight, sophomore, thinks about the next par 5 hole. "In order to be a success at golf, you need to concentrate on what you're doing," McCreight said. "If you rush into your approach the result is not as rewarding."



A driving force

Hoping to drive the ball into the fairway, Dana Sarber, senior, concentrates on her approach. After hitting the ball with the right force, Sarber watched as the ball flew over the fringe toward the fairway. "I'm so happy I did well that day because that was our last game," she said. The girls went on to beat Kankakee Valley.



The chips aren't down

Just before chipping the ball, captain Amanda Reuter, senior, focuses on the right approach. She modestly celebrated her cut shot after it landed on the green. "It takes hard work and concentration to golf," she said.

Eyes on the prize

While the sun beams down, co-captain Kelley Fernandez, senior, watches her drive land. The ball landed just short of the green. "After you hit the ball in golf, you always want to see what for the result," Fernandez said.

With
Conference title
in hand,
unified girls find
confidence

True to Form

As the ball inched toward the hole, Hallie Gibbs, freshman, sucked in a deep breath. Hoping for her best score of the season, she watched intently as the ball curved around the hole and finally dropped in. Immediately, small scattered cheers grew into a unified roar. The Girls' Varsity Golf Team showed their team support. With a final 388 score, the girls jumped up and down in excitement.

They had just won Conference, ranking first of eight. According to co-captain Kelley Fernandez, senior, this was one of the team's goals.

"The girls reached a new level in golf," Coach Jim Davidson, Industrial Technology teacher, said "It was mainly because they found confidence from each other."

Senior Night at the Chesterton game, Dana Sarber, senior, and Jennifer McCreight, sophomore, coincidentally scored their best scores of the season. Sarber shot 52 while McCreight shot 42, an "outstanding" score according to Coach Davidson.

However, the match ended in a 193-191 loss for the girls. According to Davidson, the girls faced two main obstacles: Chesterton, one of the better teams in the area; and their co-captain Amanda Reuter, senior, did not have a good day.

Reuter countered her bad day at the Chesterton match with the LaPorte Invitational, making First Team All Conference. McCreight and Fernandez also made First Team All Conference during the Invitational.

After the LAC Tourney's victory, the girls continued the season moving on to place 13 of 18 at the LaPorte Invitational and 5 of 13 at Sectionals. The girls got better with each match, according to Reuter. Hard work, individual skill, and a solid team bond led to their 15-3 record.

"You can't have a team when everyone's mind is on themselves. I'd say we did well overall because we all had drive," said Reuter, "but our performance level was because we had each other to enhance our skills."

Girls' Varsity Golf

Andrean, Calumet, Portage MC	1st
Marquette Lake Central	2nd
Invite Kankakee	3rd
Valley Invite Rensselaire	7th
Invite Lowell, Hobart	8th
1st Kankakee, Bishop Noll	1st
New Prairie Invite Wheeler	3rd
1st Crown Point	2nd
2nd Valparaiso	1st
1st Merrillville, Calumet	1st
1st Hanover Central	1st
1st Lake Central	1st
2nd Chesterton LAC	1st
Tourney LaPorte	1st
13th Invite Kankakee	13th
Valley	1st

Record 15-3 Sectionals 5th

All-Conference

Kelley Fernandez
Jennifer McCreight
Amanda Reuter

Coach of the Year
Jim Davidson

After a 2-3 season start, boys finish as Sectional Champions

Head Strong

Varsity Soccer

Clark	11-1
Highland	0-2
Gavit	1-0
Portage	1-2
Valparaiso	0-4
Morton	9-3
Chesterton	3-0
Andrean	2-0
Crown Point	3-1
B. Noll	2-1
East Chicago	1-1
Lake Central	1-1
Griffith	2-0
Wheeler	9-0
Hobart	6-0
Merrillville	1-1

Sectionals

Morton	3-0
Bishop Noll	5-0

Regionals

Lake Central	0-2
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Record 10-4-3

Conference 5-1

All-Conference

Paul Leitelt
Chris Wey
Jon Funston
TJ DeGuillo

Coach of the Year

Jim Prasapolous

JV Soccer

Highland	0-0
Portage	2-3
Valparaiso	0-3
Morton	10-0
Chesterton	2-5
Andrean	0-0
Crown Point	0-2
East Chicago	3-2
Bishop Noll	1-0
Lake Central	0-7
Griffith	4-1
Wheeler	4-0
Highland	1-0
Hobart	4-0
Merrillville	1-0

Record 8-2-5

Conference 4-0-1

Disorganized practices, an inexperienced varsity, and a lack of team unity usually don't describe a winning team. Little did people know what to expect when the season started on Aug. 10 against Clark.

"We lost seven starters from last year," Coach Jim Prasapolous, Westlake teacher, said. "It took time to gel together, but when they did, we strung a bunch of wins."

Despite starting the season with a mundane 2-3 record, the team outscored their opponents in their final 14 games, 49-10. The duo of captains Chris Wey, senior, and Paul Leitelt, junior, on offense became a continual problem for opposing teams because of their ability to finish. The defense also had shutouts in eight of the team's 19 games.

According to TJ De Giulio, senior, they had an extremely balanced team. The defense would pick it up when the offense struggled and vice-versa.

With balance came a team unity evident in the antics of Toshiro Toyama, senior, the Friday pasta night dinners and the trips to Fazoli's Restaurant in Schererville.

"Everyone on the team got along on and off the field, which allowed for team unity," Wey said. "We all knew when it was time to joke around and when to buckle down and practice."

Players began the season the previous winter by conditioning in the weight room. Some team members also played indoor soccer during the winter and trained with other teams in the spring. This allowed members to continue to refine their skills for the upcoming season.

"Playing on another team during the off-season helped me work on some of the areas that needed improvement in my game," Dan Grunewald, junior, said.

An absence of effort or desire never concerned the boys. Working diligently in practice and pushing their limits during the games, the boys not only won Conference, but also Sectionals.

"Winning our Sectional was a high point of the season," Leitelt said. "We were underestimated throughout the whole year and we proved how good we actually were by winning."

The boys' effort not quite enough to thwart Lake Central's attack in the Regional finals, as they lost 2-0. On the other hand, the loss did not make the season a failure.

By hoisting the Sectional trophy in the cold air, the boys surpassed expectations and showed that a successful team can arise through determination and team unity.



Chip on your shoulder

Deftly juggling, Chip Andrews, sophomore, gets ready to throw in the ball. "Whenever I did a throw-in, I always looked down field to see who was open," Andrews said.





Using his head

To get the ball to a teammate, Bryce Hlista, senior, jumps up for a header. The boys won the conference match against Bishop Noll 2-1. "When the ball is in the air, the best way to shoot or pass is by heading," Hlista said.



Pass it on

While Joey Domenico, freshman, looks ahead, he passes the ball off to a fellow teammate during warm-ups. The team got into groups of seven to practice their skills. "Passing the ball to each other gave us an opportunity to get our legs loosened up for the game," Domenico said.



Varsity Boys' Soccer Team: (front row) Jay Lucas, Peter Brousalis, Scott Strandberg, Chris Wey, Paul Leitelt, Mike Shinkan, Chip Andrews, Jon Funston. (second row) Coach Jim Prasapolous, Chris Kounelis, Joseph Domenico, Grant Burdeau, Toshiro Toyama, TJ DeGuillo, Dan Grunewald, Eric Nelson. (back row) Mike Hawryszkow, Bojan Rajkovic, Brent Fox, Adam Grunewald, Bryce Hlista, Jared Flahaven, Assistant Coach Tim Sopko.



JV Boys' Soccer Team: (front row) Brandon Chynoweth, Bennet Cerven, Peter Putherveetil, James Mehok, Josh Vega, Alex Sakelaris, Joe Scholtz. (second row) Connozir Leto, Grant Felgenhauer, Adam Carlson, Leo Giannakis, Jeff Reuter, Eric Hutchings, Dragan Petrovic, Pat Higgins. (back row) Coach Jim Prasapolous, Mirko Tepavac, Niko Culic, Nicholas Shelton, Kevin Hoffman, Bryan Joseph, Assistant Coach Tim Sopko.



Take control

With a goal in mind, captain Paul Leitelt, junior, traps the ball. Trapping allowed the players to control the ball. "Once I had control of the ball, I could decide whether to pass, dribble or shoot," Leitelt said.

In focus

Focused and in full stride, captain Chris Wey, senior, attempts to steal the ball away from his Morton opponent. The Mustangs ended up winning the game 9-3. "I would wait for the right time to make my move and then focus on the ball and go for it," Wey said.

Rising to the occasion

Aligned perfectly, the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team stands for the national anthem before the Kankakee Valley game, which Munster won 3-1. "Before every game I'd psyche myself up," Ali Nykiel, junior, said. "It's almost like preparing for battle."

Cold shoulder

While shielding the ball from her opponent, captain Amanda Achter, senior, fixes on making a move. "Being a captain, every game I'd try to focus very hard to set a leading example," Achter said.



Girls Varsity Soccer (front row) Katie Daniels, Mellisa Jurich, Stephanie Coulis, Amanda Diombola, Amanda Achter, Kersten Kelly, Taryn Lotak, Sara Schulte (second row) Megan Remece, Chrissy Domenico, Danielle Flores, Kim Price, Lauren Lipton, Stephanie Hoffman, Anne McShane, Ali Nykiel, Hana Keil (back row) Coach Donna Sopko, Coach John Fekete, Erin Goodman, Kate Varnum, Stefanie Dohman, Julie Bembesta, Jennifer Conley, Coach Valerie Pflum



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Force to be reckoned with

While struggling to win the ball from the St. Joe's player, Katie Daniels, senior, tries to overtake her opponent and win possession. "Since this was my last year I tried to make every minute count," Daniels said. "I really wanted to surpass my own expectations."



Running wild

In full stride Stephanie Hoffman, sophomore, glides past the opposing midfielder. "Being an underclassman on the varsity squad, there was always a feeling that you had to prove yourself," Hoffman said. "But, there were so many underclassmen that you almost forgot that pressure."



Past Chance

With hopes
of winning
Sectionals,
Girls' Soccer
falls short
of victory

Steam rises from the top of the girl's head. Melissa Jurich, junior, has just been taken off the field with only moments left to play. The Girls' Varsity Soccer Team reluctantly awaits losing to Crown Point 2-1 in the first round of Sectionals. Minutes later, the dream ends.

Senior co-captains Amanda Diombala, Amanda Achter and Megan Remec sought to capture the Sectional title. Achter was last year's leading goal scorer,

"We finished the season pretty well, but we didn't step up in the post-season like we needed," Sara Schulte, junior, said.

The girls finished the season with an overall 10-5-2 record and 3-2-0 in Conference.

The team remained satisfied with the season, despite the premature end to the year. Whether they were collaborating to make a movie for their senior night, or spending time together every day at practice, the girls shared a special bond.

"We really got along well, and every one of us were able to play as a team," Diombala said.

One of the higher points of the season included a tie against South Bend St. Joe's, ranked 3rd in the state, according to Coach Donna Sopko, school nurse. The tie was even more surprising considering the team was unranked at the time they played.

Although they lost 2-1 in their only Sectional game, the season will still stand out to Coach Sopko for a multitude of reasons.

"We had depth on this year's team that I had not seen before in previous years," Coach Sopko said.

At the majority of the positions, the team had a number of girls who could step up and play, but all the depth alone couldn't change the sectional score against Crown Point.

The timer pushed time along leaving the Girls' Soccer Team frustrated. As the last second disappeared off the clock, the girls fell in disillusionment wondering how they could have lost. With tears of sorrow streaming down, Remec, couldn't believe the team allowed victory to slip from their grasps.

Eye on the ball

To prepare herself for Kankakee Valley, captain Amanda Diombala, senior, puts a few touches on the ball before the start of the match. "Warm-ups are crucial to a game because you have time to perfect your touch and you have time to mentally prepare," Diombala said.

"It was an incredible game and the fact that we could even tie St. Joe's showed that our team can definitely play at a state level."

Kate Varnum, freshman

Varsity Soccer

Gavit	12-0
Lake Central	1-2
Wheeler	8-0
Portage	1-1
Hobart	3-1
St. Joe	1-1
Highland	1-2
Valparaiso	0-4
Bishop Noll	12-0
Michigan City	4-0
Griffith	4-0
Merrillville	5-1
Lafayette	
Jefferson	2-1
Andrean	2-3
Crown Point	3-2

Sectionals

Crown Point	2-1
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Record 9-4-2

Conference 3-2

JV Soccer

Lake Central	0-3
East Chicago	3-0
Wheeler	4-0
Portage	0-0
Hobart	4-0
St. Joe	1-1
Highland	0-1
Valparaiso	0-1
Hanover	
Central	7-0
Griffith	5-0
Merrillville	4-0
Lafayette	
Jefferson	0-1
Andrean	0-1

Record 6-5-2



Mind Games

Winning
championships
takes athletic
skill, mental
focus

Varsity Tennis

Hobart	5-0
Valparaiso	2-3
Lake Central	4-1
Andrean	5-0
Carmel	0-5
Zionsville	4-1
W. Lafayette	0-5
Kankakee Valley	5-0
Highland	3-2
Griffith	5-0
Lowell	4-1
Calumet	4-1
Crown Point	4-1
Merrillville	4-1

LaPorte Invite

Plymouth	3-2
Penn	1-4

Sectional

Morton	5-0
Noll	5-0

Regional

Clark	3-2
Lake Central	3-2

Semi-State

Penn	3-2
Valpo	2-3

Record 17-5
Conference 6-0

JV Tennis

Hobart	5-0
Valparaiso	4-1
Lake Central	7-1
Andrean	5-0
Kankakee Valley	5-0
Highland	5-0
Griffith	5-0
Lowell	5-0
Calumet	5-0
Crown Point	4-1
Merrillville	5-0

Record 11-0

All-District

Mike Shideler
Tom Cafmeyer
Scott Gray
Chad Holajter

All-Conference

Mike Shideler
Tom Cafmeyer
Scott Gray
Chad Holajter
Mack Rawden
Shreyas Joshi

On the third set against Highland, Mack Rawden, junior, and teammate Shreyas Joshi, senior, prepare to return a serve. As the ball rockets forward, Rawden sprints to the left, stops squarely, turns on his toes and quickly fires a return volley to his opponent's right side. He lunges to return, but the ball flies past his swinging racket.

"Way to go, Mack!" teammate Jason Gott, junior, yells. "Way to be quick! You've got the power."

In order to gain an edge on their opponents, the Boys' Tennis Team took a more physical approach to prepare for the season.

"We did a lot more running and agility work this year," Rawden said. "We would run before our matches to help get our blood flowing and get us pumped to play. With the agility work, I felt a lot lighter on my feet."

Staying agile was not the only skill focused on at practice. Other areas were worked to increase the teams' performance.

"We really stressed abdominal work because strong abs equals a strong back and that helps with all the hitting we do," Coach Steve Lopez, social studies teacher, said.

Players began to realize the the positive effects of the new training early in the season.

"I noticed that my serves were a lot more consistent after we started working out more, and I started to work even harder," captain Chad Holajter, senior, said.

Halfway through the season Coach Lopez made an unexpected change to the doubles lineup. Rawden moved down to play with Joshi, while Holajter moved up to play with fellow captain Scott Gray, senior.

"The switch helped the team a lot because it allowed each of us to stress an individual strength," Holajter said. "Mack and Scott were more power players with power serves, while Shreyas and I were more consistent."

The harder training paid off as the boys' varsity team won the LAC, Sectional and Regional Championships. At the Semi-State Championships, the team took a 3-2 victory against Penn with help from Eric Appelsies, junior, who won his No. three singles match, putting the team one match from State. The following 3-2 loss against Valparaiso stymied that chance. Even with the loss at State, the team proved they were a powerful force.

"We exceeded expectations. We were one of the eight teams left in the state," Coach Lopez said. "We were way more than what people expected. We were strong."

Swift return

With his entire body focused on propelling the ball, captain Chad Holajter, senior, sprints and returns a serve from his Griffith opponent. Holajter won his match and the team won the meet 5-0.

Ace high

Focused on his Calumet opponent, Shreyas Joshi, senior, serves an ace. "Serving an ace gives you a great confidence boost," Joshi said.





All cleared up

Quietly collecting his thoughts, captain Scott Gray, senior, clears his mind and prepares for his upcoming match. Gray went on to defeat his Highland opponent, adding to the team score 3-2. "Sometimes it just helped to clear your head and focus on your match before you played," Gray said. "It made me feel more relaxed and prepared for anything."



Square deal

Eyes on his Calumet opponent, captain Mike Shideler, senior, sprints and squares off, as he readies for the serve. Opening up to the ball provided more power on the return hit. "Once you put your whole body into the hit, you could be sure it was going where you want it," Shideler said.

Guiding voice

With their attention on Coach Steve Lopez's encouraging words, Rich Shudick, senior, and Chris Bakker, sophomore, get pointers on their strategy. The boys won their doubles match against Griffith. "Coach would tell us to do our best and then give a strategy to try," Shudick said. "His advice helped us a lot."



Boys' Tennis (front row) Coach Steve Moell, Mack Rawden, Shreyas Joshi, Scott Gray, Mike Shideler, Chad Holajitter, Eric Appelsies, Tom Calfmeyer, Coach Steve Lopez (second row) Rich Shudick, Andrew Lee, Neel Shah, Darius Bamboat, Phil Chan, Jason Gott, Dan Witkus, Jia Hou, Paul Cowgill, Greg Curran (third row) Dave Chen, Naveen Chaubal, Radu Apostoia, Bavik Nana, Chris Ondo, Chris Bakker, Andrew Kitchell, Chetan Chaubal, Tony Kanavos (fourth row) Troy Velasquez, Aditya Shah, Rodrigo Fernandez, Casey Jedzeczak, Chris Hansen, Akash Rusia, John Richardson, Michael Curran, Frank Paulson (back row) Rohan Baghwat, Jeff Choti, Ravi Shah, Alex Galante, Jeff Justus, Michael Bland

Up in arms

Coming together, the team assembles for a pre-game huddle. "Once, Naveed made us close our eyes and picture that we were at the lake," Co-captain Julie Bassetto, senior, said. "But huddles did a better job getting you pumped."

Taking off

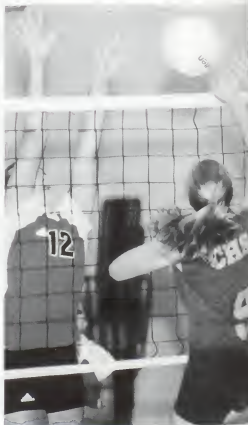
At her angle, Sam Korda, senior, had an aerial view of the court. Korda leapt from the ground to obstruct the Chesterton hit. "I couldn't believe I jumped that high," Korda said. "I did what I had to."



Girls' JV Volleyball Team (front row) Katie Lissy, Stephanie Andrade, Ashley Boyan, Libbie Thompson, Lauren Gaskey (back row) Coach Bill Gray, Lisa Sobilo, Emily Beezhoid, Coach Don Fortner, Katie Hamilton, Sami McCarthy, Coach Naveed Nizam

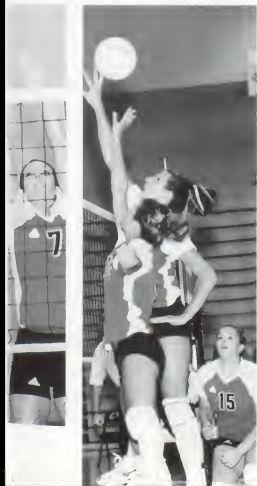


Girls' Freshman Volleyball Team (front row) Kendal Moyer, Nikki Malo, Megan Paradzinski, Alyssa Hruskocy (second row) Coach Bill Gray, Abby Purcell, Margaret Gluek, Alaina Trgovich, Kelly Werner, Erica Dybel, Coach Naveed Nizam (back row) Mary Van-Deursen, Jennifer DiCostanzo, Aubry Gilbert, Coach Janet Worries



Stick 'em up

On the block, seniors Melissa Obszanski and Sam Korda try to stop a Chesterton hit. "We got down," Obszanski said. "They took over faster than we could get points."



For first time
in four years,
varsity earns
Regional berth,
but leaves
without their
victory

Close at Hand

"Mustangs having a smurfalific time out there!" boomed Coach Robin Tobias' voice from the fieldhouse speakers, plainly spelling out the mood of the game.

Screams of "Hoorah," "Come on girls!" and "Hustle!" encouraged the volleyball team to play with fire and fury. By the time the Gary West game was over, the scores stood as, 21-14, 21-12, 21-12; Varsity Volleyball had won Sectionals for the first time in four years.

"The biggest difference between this game and the rest of the season was that you could tell they wanted it," team manager Scott Vandersteern, junior, said. "You could see it on their faces. We overcame odds; no one expected us to win. We were the dark horse of the tournament."

The season ran like a cat and mouse chase of victories and defeats. The girls' consecutively won games against Chesterton, Hobart, Andean and Griffith, only then to lose to Highland, and then pick up their winning streak again. By late October, winning Sectionals was within the Lady Mustangs' reach. After incorporating a few new stretches into their routine, they had what they needed to succeed.

"In a way, we did expect to win Sectionals," co-captain Jill Hanrahan, senior, said. "We knew how much strength and potential we had. If we all worked together, we would win."

By taking Sectionals from Gary West Side, the team qualified for Regionals. The girls took the chore of constant hard work towards Regionals with pride.

"We started off really good against Michigan City. And then they started getting their points back," center Lindsey Pugh, junior, said, of the first game against Michigan City. "We got really down about it and couldn't get back up."

Though the final score of the game ended their Regional run and "smurfalific" season, as Coach Tobias put it, the girls were anything but blue about the season's results.

Being There

With arms outstretched and fingers tipping the ball, Monica Manoski, sophomore, and Julie Bassetto, senior, strive for their block. Though they lost to Chesterton 16-21, 18-21, the girls trudged through. "It was one of our first games of the year," Manoski said. "There was no 'gel' going yet."

"Though we didn't get as far as we would have liked," Allison Chelgren, junior, said. "We were still happy considering our up and down season."

Varsity Volleyball

Valparaiso	5-21, 21-19, 15-21, 20-22
Lake Central	21-16, 21-18, 21-19
Chesterton	16-21, 18-21
Hobart	won
Andean	17-21, 21-17, 21-13, 21-16
Griffith	21-16, 21-18, 21-19
Highland	16-21, 19-21, 15-21
Whitting	21-14, 21-14, 21-18
Gavit	21-5, 21-13, 21-9
Bishop Noll	21-15, 21-5, 18-21, 21-18
Calumet	21-18, 21-17, 19-21, 21-15
Kankakee Valley	13-21, 12-21, 13-21
Wheeler	15-21, 21-19, 12-21, 15-21
Lowell	13-21, 19-21, 1-14, 13-21
Crown Point	21-18, 21-11, 15-21, 15-21
Morton	15-17, 21-21, 21-16, 21-12, 22-20
Munster Invite	
Portage	21-15, 16-21, 21-13
South Bend Adams	21-11, 21-19
Logansport	21-10, 24-22
TF South	21-11, 7-21, 18-21

Lafayette Jeff Tourney	21-10, 19-21, 21-19
Alexandria	21-16, 10-21
Fort Wayne Snider	21-23, 15-21
Fort Wayne Carroll	17-21, 19-21

Merrillville Invite	
Highland	21-12, 21-12
Mishawaka	8-21, 13-21
Valparaiso	11-21, 14-21

Sectionals	21-19, 22-20, 21-18
Lake Central	19-21, 24-22, 15-21, 21-18
Lowell	15-9
Gary West Side	21-14, 21-12, 21-12

Regionals	
Michigan City	15-21, 8-21, 14-21

JV Volleyball

Valparaiso	18-21, 21-14, 14-21
Lake Central	21-18, 21-17
Chesterton	21-11, 18-21
Hobart	21-18, 21-13
Andean	19-21, 21-17, 21-17
Griffith	17-21, 18-21, 21-19
Highland	15-21, 22-20, 21-18

Michigan City Invite	
Penn	22-20, 21-16
Michigan City	21-18, 21-15
Fort Wayne Snider	6-21, 17-21
Marquette	11-21, 13-21

Whitting	21-6, 21-18
Gavit	9-17, 21-21, 7-21
Bishop Noll	21-7, 21-14
Calumet	20-22, 21-14, 21-14
Kankakee Valley	24-22, 11-21, 15-21
Wheeler	21-19, 10-21, 7-21
Lowell	21-11, 21-18
Crown Point	21-11, 18-21, 21-15
Morton	18-21, 17-21

“When we really worked hard, it showed. We powered through some of the best teams we played.”

Coach
Mike Hackett



Varsity Basketball

Clark	69-36
Merrillville	54-42
Hammond	78-46
Ft. Wayne	
Elmhurst	48-40
Calumet	82-38
Lake Central	59-54
Chesterton	71-60
Andean	82-80
East Chicago	59-50
Kankakee Valley	80-54
Bishop Noll	42-38
Highland	62-44
Crown Point	66-39
Griffith	53-50
Hobart	81-77
Portage	53-50
Lowell	59-47
Morton	64-43

LAC	
Tournament	
Morton	80-46
Wheeler	64-70

Sectional	
Gary	
Westside	59-54
Lake Central	53-55

Record 20-2
Conference 7-0

With help from commanding
varsity team, boys' basketball

CALLS the shots

Swiftly jumping into the air, Josh Martin, senior, sinks a three point shot during the Sectional game against Gary Westside. With the fieldhouse filled to capacity, the cheering filled the packed arena. "Hitting those important shots felt really good," Martin said. "I was determined to get out of Sectionals, so every shot we took had to count."

With only minutes left on the clock, the team scored six unanswered points, securing victory. The varsity team walked off the floor with a first round Sectional win for the first time in three years.

"It was a great feeling when that clock ran out," Jeff Marinier, sophomore said. "It was like a combination of relief and pride. It feels good to win, but this time we won a Sectional game, and that feels great."

The team powered through the season with only two losses, leaving them with a 20-2 final record. However, a near perfect season did not come easily.

"Practice is definitely the most important part of a winning season," Nick Stolarz, sophomore, said. "We'd stay after school until 5 p.m. and practice and then come early at 7 a.m. before school to shoot free throws. We stressed every aspect of our game."

Sprawled out on their chests in a circle before their game against Morton, Adam Grunewald, junior, told the team his feelings of the game ahead.

The team usually gathered in a circle before games to talk about their concerns and strategies for coming games.

"You needed to get yourself ready for every game," Grunewald said. "Talking out your problems let the other guys give you suggestions and you felt much more relaxed going into a big game."

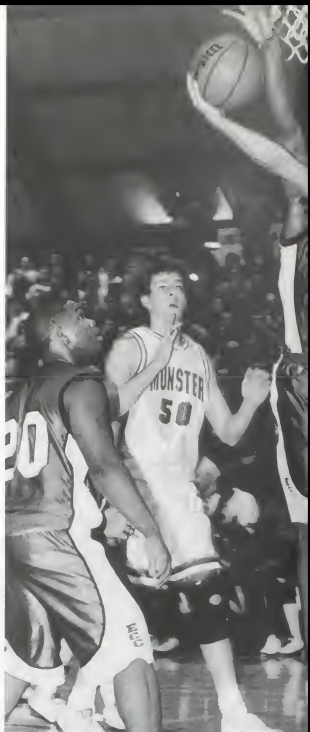
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Rise above

Hand raised and off the ground, Josh Martin, senior, puts up a reverse lay-up against East Chicago Jan 10. Strong offense that kept East Chicago moving allowed a 59-50 win. Martin finished the season with the Times All Area Team honors.

Passed away

Eyes scanning for a teammate, Dustin Bothwell prepares to pass the ball around his Morton opponent. "It got a little tough underneath the hoop, so there were times you had to find someone to pass to," Bothwell said.



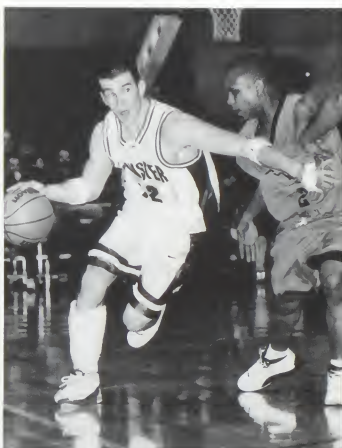


First pass

Ready to receive a pass from Dustin Bothwell, senior, Jason Grunewald, senior, keeps his eyes on the ball. Grunewald scored, adding to the 64-43 defeat of Morton.

Charged up

Looking past his opponent, Adam Grunewald, junior, readies to score a basket. When an opportunity to score appeared, Grunewald took it. "When you see a time you can score, you need to go for it," Grunewald said. "You never know when you're going to need that extra point."



Breakthrough

Arm out to shield the ball from his Lowell opponent, Brent Banach, junior, looks for an open path to the basket. Aggressive offense gave the team a 59-47 victory. "You were in the zone when you were trying to get to the hoop," Brent said. "It was you, your mind and the ball."

Down the line

After defeating Chesterton 71-60, Josh Martin (10), senior, and Scott Rutkowski (50), sophomore, shake the Trojans' hands. Displays of sportsmanship followed each game as a sign of respect, according to Joey Piatek, junior.

Like a lion

Hand outstretched, Brent Banach, junior, puts up a lay up against his Bishop Noll opponent. Taking consistent, accurate shots allowed the team to win 42-38. "We practiced our lay ups constantly to get them perfected," Banach said. "The more you practice, the more often you'll score with them."

Calm before the storm

Before their game against East Chicago, Adam Grunewald (34), junior, and Dustin Bothwell (22), senior, talk about their concerns for the game ahead. The team discussed their strategies and feelings before every game to get focused on a win. "Our group huddle is kind of a tradition," Grunewald said. "We'd do it so we could get ourselves ready to play our absolute best."

Coming down

With arms up to block the shot of his Chesterton opponent, Scott Rutkowski, sophomore, leaps off the ground. Strong defense gave the team a 71-60 victory. "When you got in their face, there was a good chance they wouldn't score," Rutkowski said.



Double trouble

Looking for an opening, Pete Trgovich, senior, shakes off his Chesterton opponents. Passing the ball became necessary when the opponents double teamed him. "When you had two guys on you and no where to go, passing looked like a really good idea," Trgovich said.



Boys' Freshman Basketball (front row) Eni Uwidia, Navon Chaubal, David Goshay, Tom Mambourg, Greg Schmitt, Nial Fisher (back row) Milos Mandic, Erol Geberin, Mihir Patel, Milos Fisher, Coach Mike Mikolajczak, Tom Cafmeyer, Michael Sudburn



CALLS

continued the shots

Even with all the practice and team support, the boys felt the sting of a loss. Maintaining a near perfect record through the season and into Sectionals, the 53-55 loss to Lake Central came at an inopportune time.

"It was terrible having our second loss during a sectional game," Aric Van Weelden, sophomore said. "Close losses stay in your head because you always think about what you could have done better. The season was still great, though."

With the crowd on their feet and cheering, the team shook hands with the Gary Westside players. They shook hands with every team they played as a sign of good sportsmanship.

"Westside played a great game," Scott Rutkowski, sophomore said. "We both played our hardest and you have to respect that. The game could have gone both ways, but this time it went ours."

Flying solo

Feet off the ground, Jeff Marinier, sophomore, shoots an unchallenged two point shot against East Chicago. Break away shots helped the team win 59-50. "Once you got away from your defender, you could drive all the way with no problem," Marinier said.

Slick trick

Driving around his Chesterton opponent, the team's Most Valuable Player, Josh Martin, senior, charges to the basket. "Most of the time, driving against Chesterton was easy," Martin said. "They usually couldn't stop us."



JV Basketball

Clark	54-20
Merrillville	43-40
Hammond	48-33
Calumet	65-29
Lake Central	58-46
Chesterton	56-35
Andean	50-36
East Chicago	40-36
Kankakee	
Valley	67-24
Bishop Noll	48-31
Highland	35-27
Crown Point	50-36
Griffith	65-41
Hobart	56-36
Gavit	48-34
Portage	48-34
Lowell	65-40
Morton	57-26

LAC

Tournament	
Morton	49-20
Wheeler	71-19

Record 20-20
Conference 7-0



Boys' JV Basketball (front row) Tim Lukoshus, Mike Sealy, Brad Snedden, Michael Bizoukas, Evan Lavery, Steve Luptak (back row) Dan Crisman, Joe Zagorski, Joe Wings, JV Coach Greg Luksich, Nick Stolarz, Shawn Spicer, Kyle Wade



Boys' Varsity Basketball (front row) Adam Grunewald, Aric Van Weelden, Jeff Marinier, Bart Banach, Brent Banach Jason Grunewald (second row) Scott Rutkowski, Joey Platek, Pete Trgovich, Varsity Coach Mike Hackett, Josh Martin, Dustin Bothwell, Nick Stolarz (back row) JV Coach Greg Luksich, Manager Alex Peck, Varsity Assistant Coach Johnny Payne, Manager Matt Westerlund, Trainer John Doherty, Manager Tom Paliga

Lacking senior experience,
girls find themselves caught off

GUARD

“It doesn’t matter how aggressive the competitors are, you have to play hard.”

junior
Ali Nykiel



Varsity Basketball

Valparaiso	21-72
Chesterton	24-58
Bishop Noll	43-31
Gavit	60-27
Hobart	41-60
Lake Central	38-55
Griffith	33-42
Gary West Side	43-72
Highland	33-49
Columbia City	49-51
McCutcheon	33-53
Calumet	35-40
Merrillville	13-54
Andrean	36-33
Morton	36-33
Kankakee	
Valley	49-38
Lowell	31-45
Portage	34-43

LAC	
Tournament	
Kankakee	
Valley	55-50
Highland	33-49

Sectionals	
Lowell	39-53

Record 6-15
Conference 2-5

All-Conference
Jackie Yerga

With sweat pouring down her face, sophomore Jackie Yerga dragged her legs down the court with less than a minute remaining on the clock during the fourth quarter. She could barely move because she had played the entire game. With every dribble, a second slashed off the clock, and Yerga’s energy dwindled.

Eyes wide open anticipating her teammate’s next move, guard Kate Varnum, freshman, ran to the three-point line and yelled, “BALL! BALL! BALL!” Before the Valparaiso defender could react, Yerga passed the ball to Varnum. From the sidelines, Coach Beth Vesa, math teacher, and Assistant Coach Jim Davidson, industrial technology teacher, watched as Varnum shot the ball toward the basket.

Hesitating slightly, the ball rolled off the rim. Three Valparaiso defenders jumped in the air to grab the rebound. However, Ali Nykiel, junior, grabbed the ball and bounce passed it to post Lindsey Pugh, junior. Pugh shot the ball. After bouncing off the backboard and into the basket, the girls ran to the opposite court to execute their defensive positions.

With 6.8 seconds on the clock, the girls stayed man-to-man until the very last second. The Valparaiso game ended as the team lost 21-72.

“The girls had diligence that had been lacking for the last three years,” Coach Vesa said. “Though lacking in experience, the girls had an overall drive that kept them playing the entire game.”

The girls played their season despite setbacks. They maneuvered around their lack experienced varsity players.

By practicing harder and working on shooting and offensive drills, the girls adapted to the obstacle.

“We would practice every day and it seemed like we practiced for at least 45 minutes on shooting drills,” Stephanie Andjelich, senior, said. “We also worked on executing our offensive plays better. I know it helped because a lot of our younger players found more confidence shooting in the following games.”

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Think fast

Protecting the ball from her opponent, Ali Nykiel, junior, prepares for her next move. Getting the ball to Lauren Meneghetti, freshman, her assist led to a two-point lead. “If someone is in your face like that,” Nykiel said, “You have to be quick and play smart.”





No mercy

Determined to get the ball past her Kankakee Valley defender, Nicole Enright (30), junior, drives the baseline. Nicole's initiative put the girls back in the game. "It doesn't matter how big your defender is, you have to play the game the way it should be played."



Fresh air

Wide open, Kate Varnum, freshman goes up for a shot. Varnum ran under the basket, grabbed the rebound and made the basket. "When you shoot knowing you let the ball go wrong," Varnum said, "you can't sulk about it. You just need to rebound and follow through."

Supportline

As she goes through the traditional lineup, captain Stephanie Andjelich, senior, prepares for the game. Encouraged by team support, the girls started each game on a positive note. "A team is needed to help provide support," Andjelich said.



Three for the team

Passing around her defender, Lauren Meneghetti, freshman, pushes toward the basket. Meneghetti made a three-pointer. "If you have an open shot, you have to shoot" Meneghetti said, "So that's what I did."

Foul call

Disappointed by a call, captain Megan Remec, senior, watches in disbelief as Munster receives its fourth team foul. "We just couldn't afford it," Remec said, "because we were in foul trouble."

In passing

Prepared to pass the ball, Danielle Blair, sophomore, carries out the offensive play. After completing the pass, Blair set a pick. "We practiced offensive plays almost every practice," Blair said. "We always needed to work on that."



Caught in the middle

Surrounded, Libbie Thompson, sophomore, tries to evade two Kankakee Valley defenders. Thompson made the basket as they defeated KV 55-50.



Ball control

After finding an open teammate, Nicole Enright, junior, readies to pass. Despite the team's efforts, the girls lost to Lowell 31-45.



Girls' Varsity Basketball (front row) Nicole Enright, Megan Remec, Ali Nykiel, Danielle Blair (second row) Coach Jim Davidson, Coach Beth Vesa, Stephanie Hoffman, Stephanie Andjelic, Lindsey Pugh, Kelly Werner, Jackie Yerga, Manager Patty Pfister (back row) Manager Emily Beezhold, Hallie Gibbs, Libbie Thompson, Lauren Meneghetti



GUARD continued

The overall team improved in shooting throughout the season, according to Coach Vesa. Yerga averaged 10 points per game at the season's start, yet averaged 13.5 points per game by season's end in February.

Scoring wasn't the only thing that helped the girls with their victories. They also practiced scrimmaging to help become familiar with game situations.

"My most memorable play during the year wasn't even a play that we had practiced," Varnum said. "It was a play that I just thought of at the time. I remember I caught the ball and my offender was directly in front of me. During practice, we were always instructed to think smart when confronted. So I just pivoted around my opponent and there was Ali, wide open. I passed her the ball, and she shot the three for us."

The girls ended that Nov. 21 game with a final 43-31 score, defeating Bishop Noll for one of their six victories. According to Nicole Enright, junior, it just proved that if you ignore odds and focus on the game, the overall outcome will improve.

On the move

Moving around her defender, Ali Nykiel, junior, passes the ball to her teammate for an easy lay up. Ali scored 12 points that game. "Your defender can't be a distraction," Ali said. "You have to move on."

While reflecting on the season, everyone seemed to share the same sentiment.

"We may not have been undefeated," Nykiel said, "but we worked hard and never gave up."

JV

Valparaiso	26-28
Chesterton	43-16
Bishop Noll	58-18
Gavit	46-3
Hobart	33-19
Lake Central	28-39
Griffith	29-25
Gary	
Westside	36-24
Highland	38-30
Calumet	41-35
Merrillville	36-24
Andean	47-41
Morton	37-32
Kankakee	
Valley	29-23
Lowell	23-22
Portage	37-29
LAC Tourney	
Kankakee	
Valley	42-21
Highland	48-28

Record 18-2
Conference 7-0



Girls' JV Basketball (front row) Lauren Meneghetti, Chelsy Kimes, Alex Andjelich, Angela Banas (second row) Manager Emily Beezholt, Hallie Gibbs, Kate Varnum, Coach Steve Moell, Jennifer Dicozanzo, Stephanie Hoffman, Manager Patty Pfister (back row) Katie Hamilton, Libbie Thompson, Kelly Werner



Freshman Girls' Basketball (front row) Nicole Trimolt, Jessica Flamme, Jenni Ramirez, Heather Loden, Katelyn Bochnowski (back row) Na'Lani Ravelo, Melissa Vargo, Manal Khani, Lindsay Close, Onanasan Gbagi, Rachel Quinones, Manager Patty Pfister

Striden

After finishing 10th in the 100-fly against Highland, Jeff Gaik, junior, catches his breath. The team ended up winning 133-52, giving them a 12-1 overall season record. "Even though I didn't do as well as expected," Gaik said. "The team pulled through, which led us to victory."

Boys' Swimming: (front row) Connor Leto, Brendan Georgas, Jeff Heintz, Joe Raycroft, Mitch Farnsley, Warren Lane (second row) Chris Topor, Bryan Chovanec, Matt Spyryka, Will Leary, David Linnear, Dan Manuel, Dan Drudge, Dan Lodge, Evan Compton (third row) Steven Millies, Jeff Gaik, Mike Mashura, Steve Balog, Radu Apostoia, Colin Tomazin, Justin Smith, Grant Felgenhauer, Robert Romano (back row) Tony Gallagher, Josh Raycroft, Drew Hauflaire, John Herr, Justin Flick, Head Coach Mike Blaze, Diving Coach Janel Tobias, Assistant Coach Larry Hautzinger.

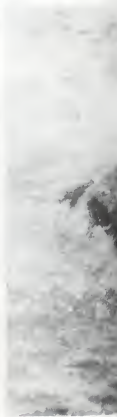


In the swim of things

Determined to finish the lap with a good time, Mike Mashura, junior, moves his arms through the water. At the Highland meet, Mashura placed 3rd overall in the backstroke. "When you're swimming," Mashura said, "you block out all surroundings and focus on your technique."

Justified

During a morning practice, co-captain Justin Smith, junior, spots his landing. After months of practice, Smith finished the season first in Conference and Regionals, while placing eighth at the State competition at IU Natatorium in Indianapolis.



With a 13th place finish at State,
the boys' swim team starts

TURNING heads

The alarm clock sounded at 4:45 a.m. on Monday to wake Jeff Gaik, junior, for swimming practice in 45 minutes. Gaik rushed out of the house with a granola bar in hand to get to practice in time to lift.

After lifting weights until 6:15 a.m., he headed into the pool with the rest of his teammates to practice. Once practice ended an hour later, the boys showered and got ready for their first hour class.

The boys' swimming team put in over 20 hours of practice each week. From late October to the end of January, the team practiced for almost two hours in the morning and then after school for another two hours. The coaches also held practices on Saturday morning for three hours.

"We put in a lot of time during the year," Radu Apostoia, junior, said. "It's what helped us qualify for State."

After starting off the season with a 10-0 record and a first place finish at the Munster Relays, they faced off against Chesterton. The boys' were unable to finish at the end and lost the match 92-94. However, this loss proved to be a mental high point of the season.

"We came in with so much emotion," Gaik said. "We grew from the loss and it got us pumped up for Sectionals."

The boys', ranked 6th in the state, came into Sectionals with a 12-1 record. They ended up finishing first, receiving 434 points. Individual winners included senior Drew Hauflaire; juniors Mike Mashura, Gaik, and Steve Millies; and sophomore Bryan Chovanec.

While the team celebrated their victory, captain Justin Smith, junior, prepared for the Diving Regional. After a strong performance, Smith won first place with 463.3 points.

"It felt great to win Regionals," Smith said. "It was one of my best performances of the season. I knew I had to do extremely well to win against the tough competition."

As State rolled around the corner, the team looked to improve on their 28th place finish the previous year. However, the results of the preliminary races did not satisfy the team.

"Unfortunately, if you don't do well in prelims, it's very hard to place in the Top 10," captain Josh Raycroft said.

The boys' finished 13th, 15 spots higher than the previous year.

"This was the best season we've had during the entire post-season," Mr. Blaze said. "We were very deep and we proved it with a finish in the top 15."

On the fly

During the State prelims, Drew Hauflaire, senior, finishes his leg in the 200 Medley Relay. The relay team, which consisted of Hauflaire, juniors Mike Mashura and Jeff Gaik, and sophomore Bryan Chovanec, finished 9th at the state competition.

"Even though we didn't do as well as we would have liked, we were still proud of our overall performance at state."

junior
Steve Millies



Boys' Swimming

Penn	114-71
Lowell	120-66
Munster Relays	1st
Griffith	117-69
Valparaiso	108-78
Portage	139-46
Hamilton	
Southeast Invite	2nd
Highland Invite	2nd
South Bend Riley	104-82
Lake Central	123-63
Crown Point	122-64
Merrillville	127-54
LAC Tournament	1st
Calumet	149-22
Chesterton	92-94
Laporte	120-66
Highland	133-52

Sectionals

1st

State

13th

Record

12-1

All Conference

Justin Smith	
Drew Hauflaire	
200-Medley Relay	
Bryan Chovanec	
Jeff Gaik	
Drew Hauflaire	
Mike Mashura	
400 Freestyle Relay	
Joe Raycroft	
Tony Gallagher	
Bryan Chovanec	
Steve Millies	

Optimistic outlook, demanding practices show girls'

STATE of mind

Team unity was the best experience. With everyone's contributions the unity was the team's key element to success."

senior
Addison Del Rio



Girls' Swimming

Penn	132-54
LaPorte	149-36
Crown Point	144-41
Carmel	87-99
Highland	128-58
Lowell	151-32
Griffith	139-46
Valparaiso	137-49
Portage	141-45
Hamilton	
Southeast Invite	1st
Lake Central	112-74
Highland Invite	1st
LAC	1st
Gavit	
Hammond	
Clark	1st
Merrillville	143-44
Calumet	144-27
Chesteron	124-68

Sectionals 1st

State 3rd-177

Record 15-1

All American

Maggie Behrens
Julie Feingold

Propelling her arms through the water, Julie Feingold, sophomore, raced against her Lake Central competitors.

During the 100-meter breaststroke, Feingold gathered her endurance to pull herself across the pool. With every arm movement, pain shot through her body.

Although set in their best events for the harder meets, the girls and their coach, Mr. Robin Tobias, World Literature teacher, enjoyed switching the lineups to try something new.

"We switched our line up around to get the girls into different events," Coach Tobias said. "We wanted them to experience different races and help build them up mentally and physically."

Scoring the most points in Sectional history and the last Sectional hosted by Munster, the girls pulled off 453 points, beating the previous record by only one point.

"It was a great accomplishment for the team," co-captain Kristi Smith, senior, said. "It really showed how hard the team worked all season to do so well."

Teammates credited their Sectional performance to their show of spirit during Sectionals week. The team dedicated Monday as "Formal Day", Tuesday as "Punk Day", Wednesday as "Swimwear Day", Thursday as "Tobias Day" and Friday for Sectional "T-shirt Day". According to Coach Tobias, Ashley DeVries, junior, and Becky Triemstra, senior, imitated Tobias' clothing style the best. A typical Tobias Day outfit consisted of a pen dangling from the collar, stop watches hanging out of pockets by a string, and a wad of keys attached to the belt, along with a sweater vest.

While 10 girls prepared for State Finals, the rest of the swim team and members of the boys' team cheered them on. They headed down to Indianapolis and the IUPUI Natatorium.

Placing 3rd at State, the girls' practice seemed to have paid off, according to DeVries, especially for Behrens and Feingold, who took State Runner-ups at the Feb. 14 race. However, the team fell short of their second place season goal, according to co-captain Jessica Brakulis, junior.

As she made the final turn, Feingold raced into the lead to take first against their biggest area rival. Feingold ranked 2nd in the state for the breast stroke.



Three and counting

Keeping count for State finalist Becky Triemstra, senior, Ashley DeVries, junior, informs her of the number of laps. DeVries took the Pride, Hustle and Desire season award, while Triemstra finished 2nd at State.

Flying start

After finishing the 200-medley relay, the Girls' Swim Team celebrates as they receive their State Runner-up medals. "It was a really great way to start out the day," co-captain Jessica Brakulis said.



Hearts of gold

Placing 2nd in the 100 breast, Julie Feingold, sophomore, receives a hug from Coach Robin Tobias, English teacher. "I was happy because I finally achieved my goal," Feingold said.



Jumping off points

Beginning her backward dive during practice, Casey Webb, sophomore, works on control. Webb finished 13th at State earning the team four points. "I wasn't even thinking about my individual achievement," Webb said. "I was just proud I was able to earn the team more points and do my share."

Shout

Congratulating Jen Wright of Lake Central, Maggie Behrens, sophomore, accomplishes her goal. Behrens swam the 100 free at State prelims. "I was very happy with my race," Behrens said. "The finals were much better than the consols."



Girls' Swimming: (front row) Jordan Janosek, Lauren Lomeli, Abigail Purcell, Alicia Tuuk, Cara Briggs, Cecilia Huang (second row) Abby Homans, Julie Feingold, Stephanie Perez, Amanda Garcia, Maya Gendlin, Christia Bieda, Ashley Cook, Lucia Rigo (third row) Maggie Behrens, Ashley DeVries, Natalie Belkairous, Jessica Brakulis, Sara Brown, Theresa Kretz, Jenny Michalski, Coach Becca Laird (fourth row) Casey Webb, Christina Kouklakis, Meghan Guthrie, Liz Vacendak, Dara Ori, Kelsey Hauffaire, Coach Janel Tobias (back row) Kate Mikels, Rachel Gill, Kristi Smith, Addison Del Rio, Elizabeth Hinkelman, Becky Triemstra, Oker Cbogi, Coach Robin Tobias

Focused on State, boys prove bound and

INTENT

Wrestling

Calumet	47-15
East Chicago	54-18
Highland	20-49
Hobart	20-49
Crown Point	12-60
Clark	54-25

Calumet Invite	17-57
Mishawaka	29-45
Highland	28-52
Lake Station	48-28
East Chicago	34-40

Munster Super	
Duel	
Griffith	20-51
Merrillville	7-67
Whiting	51-24
Hanover Central	51-28
Boone Grove	54-24
Pioneer	31-47

Lake County	
Tournament	8th

LAC Tournament	6th
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Sectionals	3rd
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Record 9-10

All-Conference

Eric McGill	103
Don Yamtich	152

Sectional Champions

Eric McGill	103
Don Yamtich	152
Lance Surma	215

Regional Champions

Eric McGill	
Don Yamtich	
David Estrada	

Semi-State Champion

Eric McGill	
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State Runner-up

Eric McGill	
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One by one the lights shut off as absolute silence settled over the audience.

A crowd of 12,000 squeezed into the Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, hoping to witness the making of state champions. One area remained visible: a single mat in the center of the fieldhouse floor. All eyes settled on Eric McGill, freshman, as he struggled toward the ultimate end to his undefeated reign: a State title.

McGill worked the entire year at staying in prime condition to remain at the top of his 103-pound weight class. Two and a half to three hour team practices consisted of two-mile runs, mat drills focusing on a technique circuit, sprints and live wrestling. The boys met daily over Christmas break to keep winter laziness at bay. Despite the ample practice opportunities, not all could attend.

"I lost some really important matches that I should have won," co-captain Donny Yamtich, senior, said. "I only went to three out of 15 practices over break because I was sick, and my results reflected that."

Team duels showcased a combined effort, while other tournaments spotlighted the individual. Toward the end of the season, eight emerged from Sectionals to contend in Regionals.

Despite the eight Regional qualifiers, only Estrada (125), McGill (103), and Yamtich (152) continued to Semi-State at Merrillville. At Semi-State both Estrada and Yamtich lost their second matches after winning their first, leaving McGill as the final State contender after he beat Portage's Troy Hill.

McGill wrestled two consecutive days in Indianapolis but lost his final match 4-2 to a previous State title-holder Jon Lloyd from Warren Central, who had an age and height advantage, according to Coach Clark.

"I was really nervous," McGill said. "I mean I've wrestled in front of a lot of people before but not 12,000."

Fighting to pin his junior opponent, McGill watched his title slip from his grasp. With the silenced crowd looking on, McGill stood up and the referee announced the victor. McGill, however, did not go away empty handed. He took the title of State runner-up and the experience of having been to the top.

Pinup

Pinning his Morton opponent, Eric McGill, freshman, goes undefeated at Regionals. McGill came in second at State in Indianapolis, losing only one match all season. "I've been wrestling since I was 6," McGill said. "Nothing compares to being at State."





Under pressure

Focused on Coach Dan Gelarden, Aaron Pleitner, junior, heads into a match at Regionals held at Calumet High School. "Even though I lost at Regionals," Pleitner said, "I felt accomplished having gotten that far."



Powerhouse

In hopes of turning his Calumet opponent on his back, co-captain David Estrada, senior, uses a power half nelson. "I was trying to break him down," Estrada said. "I knew that if I could get him on his belly, I had less of a chance of getting rolled and ending up on the bottom."

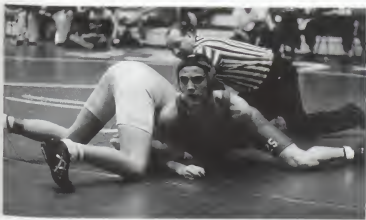
Sprawled out

To get around an opponent, Dan Lewis, junior, executes a sprawl. Sprawls allowed wrestlers to take their opponents down to the mat to pin them. "We practice sprawls all the time," Lewis said. "When I actually got on the mat during a match I felt pretty comfortable with it."



Checkpoint

Griffith opponent beneath him, co-captain Don Yamtich, senior, uses a "chicken wing" move to achieve a pin. The referee checked to make sure both shoulders touched the mat before determining the outcome. "I went to each meet just hoping to do my best," Yamtich said. "Winning is always great, but there is definitely nothing better than a pin."



Wrestling (front row) Austin Piech, Erich Maul, Mike LeBeau, Brian Williams, David Estrada, Eric McGill, Andy Bookwood, Imran Abbasi (second row) Asst. Coach Tim Maldonado, Head Coach Dan Gelarden, Steve Ziemba, Phil Kompare, Alex Morfas, Nik Vasic, James Manuel, James McKeen, Mike Hart, Bryan Perkins, Asst. Coach Brian Clark, Asst. Coach Brian Vance (back row) Toshiro Toyama, Dan Lewis, Aaron Pleitner, Peter Jurich, Emouboth Gbagi, Dimitri Katsepas, Cory Dillner, Kyle Harker, Phil Chiang, Don Yamtich

The wind up

Fully extending his arm, Matt Jillson, senior, throws a curveball to his Hobart opponent. Consistent pitching helped lead to a 19-10 win. "The key to good pitching is to keep the batter on his toes," Jillson said. "When you mix up your pitches you always keep the batter guessing."

A home stretch

With one foot on the first base bag, Ross Petersen, junior, stretches to catch the ball from third base. First basemen used bigger mitts than other players so they could have an easier way to catch the balls that came their way, according to Petersen. "In order to be a good first baseman you have to perfect the stretch," Petersen said. "There are times when the guy's running at you from home as fast as he can and you've got to get your hand on the ball to get him out."



Take a slide

Arms outstretched, Brent Banach, junior, slides head first into third base just beating his opponent as he tries to tag him out.

A swing thing

Stepping in to the pitch, Bryan Bokowy, senior, prepares to use his forward momentum to send the ball deep into center field.





Proper Throw

Players step up to the plate to clench Conference Championship

The sun beat down over third base as Brent Banach, junior, stepped up to home plate with two outs on the scoreboard during the Lake Athletic Conference tournament game against Andean. As the breaking ball from the Andean pitcher crossed the plate, Banach stepped forward and put all his momentum into his swing. With a familiar *ping*, the aluminum bat made solid contact with the ball, sending it straight down the third base line, giving Banach a single.

After losing their starting pitcher, the Boys' Varsity Baseball team selected Pat Winterhalter, senior, to step up to the mound and pitch the team in the right direction.

"When I was asked to take over as starting pitcher I was honored," Winterhalter said. "There were guys that I thought could have been picked above me, and I was really happy to get the position." As time went on, Winterhalter proved his skill, as the team won the LAC conference title for the first time in six years. The conference title came as a surprise, according to Brandon Platt, junior.

"It was such a great feeling when we won our conference," Platt said. "After not having it for six years, we kind of forgot about it. But when we found out that it was ours, it was such a feeling of accomplishment."

The team did not win conference with only their pitching, however. Hitting and the ability to steal bases played important roles as well. Having players that consistently hit, like Bryan Bokowy, senior, kept scores high and men on base so that runs could score at almost every opportunity. Having fast base runners meant that bases could be stolen with little effort, if the ball ever got away from the catcher.

"Having guys that could almost always get a man in scoring position with their hitting made playing the game a lot easier," Mike Hawryszkow, junior, said. "Once you've got a guy in scoring position, all you need is a simple base hit to get another run scored."

Another ingredient in the recipe for a conference title came in the form of fielding. The team had strong a fielding staff who could back up their pitchers. The majority of runs scored against the team never totaled more than nine, showing that the tightly woven group of infield and outfielders kept opposing teams at bay at all times.

"I was really proud of our fielding this year," Mike Nowak, junior, said. "All the guys knew what they were doing and we avoided a lot of careless errors that usually lead to unnecessary runs. We had a lot of communication between each other and I think that really helped us a lot in getting the ball where it needed to be."

Shifting into third

Quickly sprinting to third base after a line drive to right field, Jon Caddick, senior, hustles before the ball is fielded and thrown to third.

Varsity Baseball

TH South	8-3
New Haven	13-3
TF South	4-10
Valparaiso	6-4
Portage	3-0
Bishop Noll	15-5
Hobart	7-6
North Newton	13-3
Griffith	13-9
Andean	2-0
Kankakee Valley	18-1
Lowell	7-3
Highland	4-1
Bishop Noll	1-11
Hobart	19-10
Griffith	6-3
Andean	3-4
Kankakee Valley	9-0
Lowell	9-5
Highland	6-0
Chesterton	15-4
Merrillville	7-8
	4-10
LAC Tournament	
Hammond	23-0
Highland	8-6
Griffith	12-6
Andean	4-2

Sectionals

East Chicago	
Central	12-0
Lake Central	3-7

Record 23-6

Conference 7-0

JV Baseball

Highland	6-3
TF South	10-5
Portage	3-2
Bishop Noll	22-0
Hobart	22-0
Griffith	7-2
Kankakee Valley	16-4
Lowell	8-1
Highland	11-5
Bishop Noll	16-9
Hobart	10-0
Griffith	7-2
Merrillville	11-7
Andean	7-1
Kankakee Valley	5-2
Valparaiso	3-5
Valparaiso	9-6
Lowell	8-2
Highland	6-4
Lake Central	8-4

Record 19-1

Conference 7-0

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Planned pitch

After reading junior Brandon Platt's sign, Pat Winterhaler, senior, readies to throw a curveball. Winterhaler took over as starting pitcher early in the season. "Taking over as pitcher was nerve-racking for a little bit," Winterhaler said. "But you get over it and then play your best."



Varsity Baseball (front row) Brian Hayes, Russ Petersen, Jon Caddick, Scott Starewicz, Matt Jillson, Ross Petersen (second row) Mike Hawryszkow, Brandon Platt, Mike Nowak, Pat Winterhaler, Bryan Bokowy, Brent Banach, Mike Sealy (back row) Coach Bob Shinkin, Coach Marty Keil, Jon Benedek, Nate Holobowski, Coach Matt Backs, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk



JV Baseball (front row) Alex Toth, Matt DeRolf, Tim Lukoshus, Zak Boswell, Andrew Bilise (second row) Matt Donnowitz, Jake Kunz, Paul Malayer, Chris Bakker, Billy Stuart, Mike Sviar (back row) Coach Luke Zuzich, Matt Westerlund, Adam Grunewald, Jeff DeArmond, Coach Matt Backs



Freshman Baseball (front row) Bennet Cerven, Chris Winterhaler, Greg Schmitt, Pat DeRolf (second row) Jon Bugajski, Alex Blise, Adam Enright, Brent Kiel, Josh Dimalig (back row) Mike Gonzalez, Pete Jurich, Dan Crisman, Mike Sudbury, Nick Fisher, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk



Crouching tiger

Preparing to receive a pitch from Pat Winterhaler, senior, Brandon Platt, junior, assumes the position behind home plate. "Catching could be really hard on your knees," Platt said.

One-hit wonder

In an attempt to be safe at third, Bryan Bokowy, senior, knocks his opponent off balance. When stealing bases went wrong, players did their best to correct the error and avoid the out.



Proper Throw

continued

The team finished up the regular season with an almost perfect 22-3 record, with losses against TF South, Bishop Noll and Andrean. Throughout the season, spirits stayed high with the wins weighing more than the losses.

"We were never discouraged with our losses," Mike Sealy, sophomore, said. "It was more of a feeling of frustration. We knew we could beat those teams, but there were just some times we just didn't play with our best."

With Banach now on second base, he started to lead off as the pitcher began to wind up. As the pitcher drew his arm back, Banach sprinted toward third base. With the catcher hurling the ball to the third baseman, Banach slid under the tag meant to end the inning. The umpire yelled "safe!" and Banach stood up to dust himself off. Through hard work and determination, the Boys' Varsity Baseball Team showed what a little hard, and sometimes dirty, work could do.

Home free

Easily sliding into home unchallenged, Ross Petersen, junior is congratulated by teammate Matt Jilison, senior. "Sliding wasn't always necessary," Petersen said. "Usually you only did it when things were looking pretty close, or when I had the opportunity to score."

Words of wisdom

Before their game against Highland, Pat Winterhaler and Jon Caddick discuss their pitching strategy. Communication between players proved vital on the field. "You had to make sure everyone had an idea of what they were doing," Caddick said. "If you don't, mistakes happen."



"It felt really good to be on a team that was as successful as we were. Winning our conference really made me happy."

sophomore
Mike Sealy



Bat man

Bringing his bat around, Mike Nowak, junior misses an off-speed pitch from his Griffith opponent. "Sometimes, a pitcher can really throw you off balance," Nowak said. "Pitchers now are getting really talented and they've had years to perfect their pitches. Some of their curveballs are just crazy; they'll drop out of the box before you can stop your swing."

Following Through

Turning the season around, boys' golf wins Conference, Sectionals

“Winning against Highland gave us a new sense of confidence that we were lacking before.”

junior Rohan Bhagwat



Varsity Golf

Morton	165-185
Andreas	173-179
Valparaiso	178-169
Portage	148-157
Lake Central	148-146
Crown Point	180-173
Kankakee Valley	165-183
Bishop Noll	162-159
Hammond	172-215
Kankakee Valley	
Invite	3rd
Hobart	168-189
Lake Station	162-211
Rensselaer	
Invite	3rd
Highland	150-154
Lowell	152-179
Griffith	162-191

Sectionals

1st 328

Record 10-1

Conference 5-1

Individual State

Joey Piatek 9th/147

On the par-five 8th hole at Wicker Park against Highland, Mike Tiberi, senior, found himself 150 yards away from the hole. He took out his eight iron, practiced a few swings and drove the ball right onto the green.

As captain Joey Piatek, junior, and Tiberi walked towards the green, Piatek questioned if the ball had gone in the hole. Tiberi doubted him and as they reached the green, they noticed Coach Brian Clark waiving his hands up and down yelling, “It’s in! It’s in the hole!” Tiberi had just shot a double eagle.

With only one returning varsity member from the previous year, Coach Clark had uncertainties on matching last year’s teams’ success.

“At the beginning of the season, I thought we’d be okay,” Coach Clark said. “However, the boys not only met my expectations, but surpassed them.”

After a dismal 3-3 start, the boys’ turned their season around with a suprising Sectional crown and 3rd place finish at the Kankakee Valley Invite, according to Coach Clark.

“The problem at the beginning of the season was that we didn’t have a consistent 4th or 5th player,” Piatek said. “Since the top four scores determine the total score, it hurt us a bit. But after a few matches, they improved and we started rolling in the wins.”

Rohan Bhagwat, freshman, won the coveted fifth position in tryouts. Seniors Tiberi and Adam Kauffman played in the 2nd and 4th spots, while juniors Piatek and Mack Rawden filled the 1st and 3rd positions.

After a 162-159 loss to Bishop Noll, the upcoming match against Highland became a must win for the team if they wanted a shot at winning Conference.

“We knew coming into the match that everyone would have to shoot above and beyond their average,” Tiberi said. “Winning Conference was a big deal to us, so all of us were mentally prepared to win.”

Tiberi’s eight hole heroics, along with Piatek’s score of three under par (33) helped the team secure a 150-154 victory against Highland. The victory led to Tri-Conference champions between Munster, Highland and Bishop Noll.

“If someone would have told me at the beginning of the season that we would win Conference, I wouldn’t have believed them,” Mack Rawden, junior, said. “But because we improved so and played our best match of the year against Highland, we were able to pull it off.”

After his double eagle, Tiberi found the zone and parred the next hole to finish even par (36), making it his best score of the season.

Crouched over

Reading the curve on the green, Mack Rawden, junior, determines the distance from the ball to the hole. “Finding out distances allowed me to figure out how hard I needed to putt,” Mack said.





Perfect form

After teeing off on the first hole at Wicker Park, Adam Kauffman, senior, follows through. "Having good form is important if you want to hit straight," Kauffman said.

The right position

With a three iron in hand, captain Joey Platek, junior, who shot a season average 36.7, lines up his ball during practice at home course Wicker Park. Platek finish 9th at the State Individual Championships with a 147.



Quick sand

Swinging his sand wedge, Mike Tiberi, senior, hits his ball out of the bunker on the sixth hole during practice. "Hitting the ball in the bunker was dangerous," Tiberi said. "If you mishit the ball slightly, then your ball won't get out."



Eye on the prize

Focused on the break of the putt, Mike Tiberi, senior, finds the right angle on the green. "Since all courses were so different," Tiberi said. "It was really important to know the greens."



Boys' Golf Team (front row) Rohan Bhagwat, Mack Rawden, Mike Tiberi, Jeff Justus, Mark Boeckman, Mike McNicholas (back row) Ryan Slosser, Tim Bishop, Adam Kauffman, Joey Platek, George Vauter, Tim Wasem, Coach Brian Clark

Far and wide

Arms spread and ball in hand, Jackie Yerga, sophomore, warms up to get into the game. "Pitching can be very stressful," Yerga said. "Sometimes it feels like the whole game is on your shoulders."



Safe and sound

Arriving safely, Hallie Gibbs, freshman, makes it to third base. The team had a high scoring average from running the bases. "Batting is my favorite part of the game," Gibbs said. "It put a lot on me, but it helped me to do better."

Hand in glove

After scoring at home plate, Jackie Yerga, sophomore, slaps hands with her teammate. The team kept close all season and knew how to keep spirits high. "We were a close knit family," Yerga said. "Every time I was feeling down, they were right there to pick me back up."



Never off guard

Crouching down behind the plate, catcher and co-captain Holly Ispas, junior, prepares for the pitch. This was Holly's second year as starting varsity catcher. "I love catching," Holly said. "There was never a dull moment and you were right there with the action. You'd never miss a play."



Pressure Pitch

With a 23-2 winning streak, girls find themselves playing a season of surprises

One, two, three strikes. The Andjelich sisters, Lori, junior, and Stephanie, senior, threw strike after strike. Sharing the mound, sophomore, Jackie Yerga helped clean out the opposition and placed fourth in batting order.

"I think having the three of us pitching was a sort of a triple threat," Yerga said. "At first we didn't want to all pitch in the same game, but later we saw the effects it had; so we stuck with it."

Pitching the first game against Homewood-Flossmoor, Lori Andjelich walked batter Cori Moffit (H-F) at the top of the third inning. Relieving her sister, Stephanie then lost an RBI single to H-F batter Jillian Sandala.

"The first game against Homewood-Flossmoor was close," Lori said. "But we all saw that we really needed to pick up our game. Our improvement showed in the second, third and fourth games. It was all uphill from there."

A new face coaching didn't deter the girls' fervor for stepping up and taking wins. Coach Michael Coil, biology teacher, began the season coaching junior varsity, but soon took over the varsity team because of Coach Beth Vesa's family tragedy with the death of her husband.

"Vesa pulled us all together when she was ready to tell us. She said that she wouldn't be coaching this year," Yerga said. "I had prepared myself for the worst. Almost everyone was crying when she told us. I was upset, but I respected her for it; her family meant more to her."

Transition from coach to coach wasn't an easy feat, according to Erica Stout, junior. Learning how they would differ and how to work together would take time.

"The difference between Coil and Vesa was that Vesa was much more aggressive," Stout said. "I'm sure that some of the girls liked the aggression because it got them pumped. But Coil did his own thing and it worked just the same. He fell into place and everyone accepted him as our coach."

Despite the loss of Coach Vesa, the team grew stronger than ever, according to co-captain Sarah Stockle, senior.

"Having so many underclassmen on the team gave our season the power that we needed to win. They have so much potential," Stockle said. "With Jackie and Hallie's home runs, they showed everyone that anything was possible."

Full tilt

With bat in hand, Megan Paradzinski, freshman, bunts the ball to the ground. Bunting gave runners on base the chance to advance further. "Bunting could be hard if your coach wanted you to and it wasn't the perfect pitch," Paradzinski.

"We did things this season that other people never thought we could do,"

senior
Sarah Stockle

Varsity Softball

Homewood/	
Flossmoor	7-2
TF South	4-0
Griffith	4-3
Crown Point	13-0
Wheeler	23-0
Bishop Noll	27-0
Merrillville	10-7
Merrillville	16-0
Andean	4-3
Hanover Central	14-0
Highland	11-0
Kankakee Valley	13-0
Crown Point	5-2
Hobart	7-2
Lake Central	1-2
Lowell	2-0

Lowell Invite	
Kankakee	
Valley	7-1
Andean	14-0
North	
Newton	18-0
Lowell	4-0
Andean	1-0
Valparaiso	3-1

Sectionals	
Lake Central	1-10

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JV Softball

Homewood/ Flossmoor	3-4
Hanover Central	5-0
Hammond	19-1
TF South	3-0
Griffith	8-0
Lake Central	3-6
Gavit	11-0
Bishop Noll	4-0
DeSales	10-0
Andrean	3-2
Carmel Trny Carroll	20-1
McCutcheon	2-1
Bloomington	10-0
North Carmel	1-0
Whiting	5-2
Highland	2-1
Wheeler	1-0
Kankakee Valley	8-0
Crown Point	6-0
Hobart	5-1
Lowell	5-0
Mustang Invite Harrison	1-0
Pendleton Heights	3-2
Merrillville	10-0
Valparaiso	3-1
Chesterton	6-2

Pressure Pitch

continued

By the end of the season, the girls had become comfortable with their 20-game winning streak. Coach Coil liked to think that some of it had to do with his use of the "Enright Special."

"Every game I'd hit infield with one of (Nicole) Enright's old bats," Coach Coil said. "It seemed to work with the 20-win streak. We're going to keep using what's working."

As the time came for the girls' first sectional game against Lake Central, Stockle asked that everyone think pink.

"It was my color. We thought it would help promote the team if everyone wore something pink," Stockle said. "Powerful pink."

Though the sea of pink at the Lake Central field cheered in their favor, the girls faced their third season loss, 1-10.

"At the beginning of the year, Munster wasn't even ranked,"

Stockle said. "By the end of May, we were third in State. There was a lot of excitement about the LC game. Even though we lost, we did things this season that other people never thought we could do."

Within reach

Holding up the pitch, co-captain Sarah Stockle, senior, prepares herself to hit the ball. "Sometimes it would take me a while to prepare," Stockle said. "I always wanted to focus on hitting and getting on base."



Up and around

Encircled around freshman Megan Paradzinski, team members form their traditional pre-game huddle. "We thought it would bring good luck," Paradzinski said. "Along with the Enright Special."

Ready and waiting

In focus on the play, Chrissy Domenico, junior, takes in the action. "From behind the fence," Domenico said, "I could watch and cheer for my team, and at the same time, not have to worry about being hit by a foul ball."





Dusty decision

Deciding to slide, Hallie Gibbs, freshman, glides into third base. "Sliding was something that enabled us to make some of the plays that we made," Gibbs said.

Off the hook

Readily releasing the ball, Lori Andjelich, junior, started as pitcher, along with sister Stephanie, senior. "I would throw myself into every pitch," Lori said. "I'd go in there after Jackie (Yerga), wanting to finish off what she started."



Varsity Softball Team: (front row) Jackie Yerga, Lori Andjelich, Libbie Thompson, Hallie Gibbs, Holly Ispas (second row) Lauren Parker, Nicole Enright, Megan Paradzinski, Danielle Blair, Chrissy Domenico, Erica Stout (back row) Manager Kelly Frank, Stephanie Andjelich, Coach Jill Underly, Coach Beth Vesa, Coach Michael Coil, Sarah Stockle, Coach Brenda Raspopovich



Freshman Softball Team: (front row) Jackie McCarthy, Carolyn Brown, Lauren Hudak, Taylor Della Rocco, Katie Stout, Heather Loden (back row) Renae Kooy, Lauren Meneghetti, Emily Eagan, Coach Jill Underly, Alex Andjelich, Julie Stump, Melissa Vargo



Junior Varsity Softball Team: (front row) Jackie McCarthy, Amanda Schulte, Lauren Hudak, Emily Beezhold, Kelly Werner, Ashleigh Barbeau, Heather Loden (back row) Renae Kooy, Katie Martino, Jessica Clusserath, Lauren Nourie, Katie Vroom, Mary Ann Spolnik, Molly Yothment, Coach Michael Coil

Purpose Served

Young talent helps girls finish 3rd at State

“The team’s camaraderie made the season unforgettable, and us unstoppable.”

senior Stephanie Coulis



Varsity Tennis

Crown Point	3-2
Lowell	5-0
Warsaw Invite	1st
Lake Central	5-0
Bishop Noli	5-0
Highland	5-0
Carmel Invite	4th
Wheeler	5-0
Merrillville	
Doubles	5-0
Andrean	5-0
Gavit	5-0
Penn	5-0
Valparaiso	5-0

Sectionals

Morton	5-0
Gavit	5-0
Regionals	
Highland	4-1
Crown Point	4-1

Semi-State

Plymouth	5-0
Warsaw	5-0
State	
Homestead	2-3
Evansville	3-2

Rolling over under her covers, Maureen Modesto, freshman, groaned as she felt a hand shake her back and forth. Reluctant to open her eyes, she clung to the last few moments of sleep. A Girls’ Tennis Match against Crown Point remained only 10 1/2 hours away. Shrugging off the incessantly shaking hand, Modesto blinked. She found herself staring directly at the face of her coach Bob Modesto.

Though the scenario would have surprised most girls on the tennis team, Modesto didn’t think twice. Modesto interchanged the words “coach” and “dad” on a daily basis.

“I actually liked having my dad as the coach,” Modesto said. “I was really comfortable with him, and he was comfortable with my game.”

Though it was Maureen’s first year on the team, Coach Modesto had coached the previous year as well.

“My dad was already used to the older girls’ style of playing since he was here last year,” Modesto said. “That made this year a smooth transition.”

With five returning Varsity members, the team also gained two freshman. Maureen Modesto, ranked number one in the Midwest, and Elena Trgovich, freshman, ranked number three in the Midwest, took the top two singles positions at the start of the season.

The addition of the two freshmen led captain Jill Young, senior and four-year Varsity member, to move down to the number three singles spot.

“Of course the Number One spot was the most coveted, but I had no problem moving down in exchange for our team’s success,” Young said. “It allowed our team to have a certain amount of depth that other teams couldn’t compete with.”

After a competitive 3-2 victory over Crown Point at the start of the season, the girls managed not to give up a single match to any conference opponent.

The girls grew close through out the season by going to movies, going out for dinner, getting icecream, and spending time at each others houses. The camaraderie between team members helped take them to Sectionals, Regionals, and Semi-State, according to Stephanie Coulis, senior.

“Everyone got along so well,” Young said. “Our friendships only made our victories sweeter.”

Pulling the covers up over her head, Modesto began to drift off to sleep after 5-0 wins at Semi-State against Warsaw and Plymouth. She knew that not only had she made her coach happy, she’d made her dad proud as well.

Foot forward

During a 4:30 p.m. practice, captain Jill Young, senior, works on her forehand. Jill moved to the Number Three singles spot to help balance out the talent of new freshmen members.

Full swing

After going for a forehand down the line, Nikki Bland, senior, attempts to pass her opponent at the net during a doubles match. Nikki played Number Two Doubles with her partner Stephanie Coulis, senior.





Back to the top

Returning the ball with a backhand, Maureen Modesto, freshman, practices for the Number One singles spot. After the team finish 3rd at State, Modesto went on to compete in the individual championships. She ended the season as State Individual Champion runner-up, after falling 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 to Sophie Grubinski of Carmel. "It was my first time on a team rather than just individual tournaments," Modesto said. "We all worked really hard to do well, and we deserved our success."

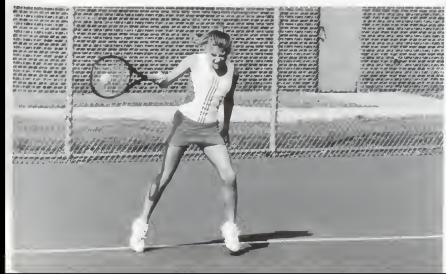


On the fly

After hitting a backhand, Lindsay Weiss, sophomore, follows through on her swing. To balance team power, Lindsay made the switch from Number One Doubles to Number Two Singles in the beginning of the season.

Double trouble

Double partners Ryann Perilinski, senior, and Alaina Trgovich, freshman, prepare to take a volley stance. With a 20-0 season record, the partners qualified for the State Individual Championships, where they lost 6-1, 6-3 in the Quarterfinals to the eventual Doubles Champs from Carmel.



Girls Tennis Team (front row) Stephanie Coulis, Maureen Modesto, Nikki Bland, Jill Young, Lindsay Weiss, Roli Mandhana (second row) Maman Campos, Patricia Schmueser, Tammy Lee, blank, Shobha Pai, Andrea Halverson, Jayme Jedrzejczak (third row) Assistant Coach Bill Karr, Ryann Perilinski, Monica Manoski, Alaina Trgovich, Coach Bob Modesto

Head start

Rounding the bend, Don Yamitch, senior, runs full out of the last leg at the Hurry-up Invite, renamed after the Calumet Invite had to move to Munster due to track problems at Calumet. The team placed second at the meet. "The team really amazed me," Yamitch said. "We were lucky enough to have two people qualify for State."

High fly

High in the air, Greg Gier, junior, competes in the high jump. Greg also participated pole vault. "I liked pole vaulting better," Gier said. "Even though both required a perfect position to get over the bar."

Run around

Eyes on the finish line, Bart Banach, senior, jumps off the starting blocks. Bart ran events in both sprints and distance. "I am going to miss track a lot," Banach said. "It was so much fun hanging out with the guys and just working hard to finish your best."



Far fetched

Winding up for his discus throw, Brian Adams, senior, takes his steps to his destination. Each thrower had to find their perfect routine to get the best possible throw. "I loved throwing," Adams said. "It made me feel strong-eer each time I let it go."



Boys' Track (front row) Eric Wallace, Zack Glasen, Carmelo Gonzalez, Rich Meyers, Alex Sakelaris, David Resler, Matt Lemus, Tommy Mambourg, Cameron Scient, Matt Baker (second row) Zak Curtis, Austin Peach, Ian Vera, Murad Omery, Billy Lewis, Don Yamitch, Aaron Pleitner, Danny White, Brendan Georgas, Coach Brian Vance (third row) Coach Aaron Brown, Phillip Shapiro, Phil Chang, Jason Schnelzer,

David Snuckel, Jose Gutierrez, Brian Perkins, Robbie Urbanowicz, Darryl Dedelow, Matt Jones, Coach Steve Lopez (fourth row) Daniel Rak, Nick Benedek, Prince Kwateng, Bart Banach, Chris Solent, Mark Everette, Harjot Singh, Jason Pastrana, Grant Felgenhauer (back row) Brian Adams, Rob Larson, Jon Fisher, George Behrens, Brian Rubisha, Joseph DeWars, Andy Stevens, Gabriel Blakeley, Adam Hruskoy



Power Run

After a slow start,
Yamtich, Selent qualify
in 3 state events

Lining up at the starting line, Don Yamtich, senior, prepared to run the 800 meter at the Conference meet at Highland. "On your mark, get set..." the official said.

Just then the lightening started, the thunder roared and everyone rushed off the track and into the Highland High School gym.

"It was really frustrating," Yamtich said. "I mean don't get me wrong, it was nice relief, but I just kind of wanted to get the race on and over with. But I was happy because it gave the rest of my team, and even me, time to cool down before racing again after the 1600 meter."

The rest of the season went the same way. Only running 14 meets and in rain at all home meets, the boys learned how to overcome obstacles in all conditions.

"I think overall we had a pretty successful season," Joseph Dwars, junior, said. "We won Conference, which we didn't expect to do, and got second at Sectionals."

With the success at Sectionals behind them, qualified teammates prepared to run Regionals in Portage against close to 45 other Region teams, including Lake Central, Highland and Andean.

"We had a lot more guys than expected make Regionals," Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright middle school science teacher, said. "I was really proud of the boys, but I knew that they had so much more ahead of them at Regionals where they had to race against some really good teams."

After runners Chris Selent, junior, and Yamtich made it out of Regionals, they prepared the next week for their state competition. Selent qualified in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles and Don finished the 1600 meter race with a personal best time of 4:24.85.

"I was so happy about qualifying for State, especially for my senior year," Yamtich said. "We had a great season and I was just so thrilled that somebody, not to mention two of us, would make it out for the top competition."

Last Hurdle

With the finish line in sight, Chris Selent, junior, leaps over the final hurdle. Chris qualified for State in both the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles. "I was really amazed that I qualified," Selent said. "Everyone was so happy for me. It was just really exciting."

When the rain finally stopped, and the meet was called back to order, Yamtich yet again walked up to the starting line, and got in position. The gun shot and he was off to a fifth place finish in the 800 meter race.

"Our team proved to be one of the best on many occasions, including the Mustang invite. We had so many firsts, I couldn't believe it."**"**

sophomore
Grant
Felgenhauer



Boys' Track

LAC	
Indoor	1st
Lake Central	
Invite	2nd of 5
Noll/Clark	1st of 3
Lake Central	2nd
Morton/	
Gavit	1st of 3
Kankakee	
Valley	1st
Chesterton	
Invite	
Hammond/	
Wheeler	1st
Mustang	
Invite	1st
Hurry-up	
Invite	2nd
Lowell	2nd
LAC	1st
Sectionals	2nd

Record 9-2
Conference 9-1
State Qualifiers
Don Yamtich
Chris Selent



Carried Out

Support from each other
leads to first ever
Regional Championship

As the last hurdle neared, Julie Bassetto, senior, knew that each step brought her closer to the finish line. With her goal in plain view, her energy slowly began to diminish as the soles of her feet started to tingle. Soon familiar faces appeared shouting encouraging words.

Every supportive word carried Julie's stamina toward the finish line. She passed her Lake Central opponent in the 100 hurdles and kept running, increasing her pace with each step. Finally, she ran past the finish line. Her teammates ran to greet her with warm clothes and congratulations. Julie smiled at her teammates, grateful for their support.

"The girls were always there for me when I needed their support," Julie said. "I felt good after I did my events because I knew that I had done well because they were there to root me on and bring up my spirits."

Varsity Track

Ball State	13th
Merrillville	2nd
Lake Central	1st
Valparaiso	2nd
Bishop Noll,	
Clark	1st
Lake Central	1st
Morton,	
Griffith	1st
Kankakee	1st
Valley	
Hammond	1st
Relays	
Chesterton Invite	4th
Hammond,	
Wheeler	1st
Penn Invite	5th
Highland Invite	1st
Mustang Invite	1st
Hurry up Invite	1st
Lake Central	1st

Sectionals 2nd

Regionals 1st

Record 12-6

Sectional Champs	
Julie Bassetto	
Ashley DeVries	
Chelsy Kimes	
Melissa Obszanski	
Brittany Bohling	
Stefanie Dohman	

State Qualifiers

Julie Bassetto	
Ashley DeVries	
Chelsy Kimes	
Melissa Obszanski	
4 X 100 Relay:	
Julie Bassetto	
Ashley DeVries	
Stefanie Dohman	
Chelsy Kimes	

Whether they lined up in groups along the track or met each runner at the finish line, the girls encouraged one another. They acted as assistant coaches, advising each other on performance.

"After I jumped, the high jump girls told me what I did wrong," Lauren Torres, senior, said. "I corrected that problem on my next jump and did so much better."

When the girls faced unfavorable weather, teammates helped them to survive the conditions. They provided warm clothes at the end of races, brought blankets to cover cold runners and shared anything to help give each other comfort. Sometimes these actions soothed the girls mentally as well as physically. Melissa Obszanski, senior, managed to break a track throwing record with this help.

"When you were out there competing, there was so much that seemed to be against you," Melissa Obszanski, senior, said. "You felt discouraged. Then your teammates showed up with advice or something else to help you. That just gave you an extra pump in your step."

The girls used that extra energy boost to take them to Sectionals, where they placed second overall as a team.

"All the girls did well because they were surrounded by positive words and felt more confident," Danielle Fuentes, sophomore, said.

The girls continued the season sporting that confidence under their belt to become the first Regional Champs in history.

They used positive vibes to keep their title as LAC champs five years running.

After Julie put on her sweats, she cheered the second heat, "Keep moving at your pace. You'll catch them on the last lap when they're tired."

Personal goals

With her 100-meter race less than 10 minutes from starting, Ashley DeVries, junior, relaxes with a massage from junior Joe Dwargs. "You needed to set standards for yourself because you determined how well you did during each race," Ashley said. Ashley took first at Regionals with a personal best 12.42.





Pass along teamwork

Almost to the third runner exchange, Amanda Shike, senior, finishes her stretch for the 4 x 800 relay. "It took every runner to make that relay work," Amanda said.



Mind over matter

With a determined attitude, Julie Konopasek, senior, ran her final lap in the 1600. Despite the fatigue, she kept running without losing her place to Lake Central. "Running distance was hard because you needed to keep yourself focused on your goal even when you were tired," Julie said.

Leaps and bounds

Jumping ahead of her competition, Julie Bassetto, senior, leaps over the first hurdle of the Hurry-up Invite. Bassetto took firsts at Sectionals in 100-meter hurdles with a 15:53 and the 300-meter hurdles with a 47:26 to qualify for Regionals in both events. "The hurdles took a lot of time to get right because you needed to get just the right combination of timing and form," Julie said.



Fall into form

Jumping over the 4'8" mark, Melissa Burford, junior, lands into the mat. "You needed to get ready mentally before each event

began because otherwise you'd end up so nervous you'd mess up your form," Melissa said.



Girls' Track Team (front row) Christia Bieda, Marissa Sylvester, Samantha Korda, Suzanne Quasny, Julia Konopasek, Lauren Torres, Lindsey Steele, Julie Bassetto, Stefanie Dohman (second row) Meghan Ruich, Emily Lyness, Lauren Lipton, Ashley DeVries, Brittany Bohling, Erin Joseph, Leah Kozlowski, Eunice Ntiamaoh (third row) Katelyn Bochnowski, Reem Farooq, Danielle Fuentes, Tamiko Toyama, Jordan Jancosek, Jennie Jamiech, Amanda

Shike, Stephanie Brojak, Kelly Fray, Jessica Stalmack (fourth row) Coach Dirk Storn, Melissa Burford, Erin Peigus, Danielle Stone, Na'Lani Ravelo, Nicole Trimoli, Katie Varnum, Chelsy Kimes, assistant coach Michelle Duffy (back row) Jessica Osegueda, Alissa Rosario, Justine Bauer, Rachel Quinones, Melissa Obszanski, Emily Alberti, Addison Del Rio, Samantha Torres, Alisha Tuuk, Kelly McWilliams, Kim Markovich, Coach Rob McCall



Rail tale

With his weight balanced over the center of the board, Mike Cummings, freshman, lands a frontside boardslide down the handrail at the skate park. Skaters flocked to the park once the spring weather warmed up, and they ultimately had a skate competition. "I had been working on the boardslide for hours before I could finally pull away with the board beneath my feet," Mike said.

Biker boys

Eyes on the throttle, Jordan Zarowny, freshman, makes his dirtbike roar to life. "I have had my bike for a couple years, and when our family goes to Wisconsin, I ride it up and down the beach," Jordan said.



Relieving the daily Grind

Students use their time to release the day's tension by engaging in recreational activities

Snow had recently melted and a cold breeze filled the air as 52mm polyurethane wheels carried Mike Cummings, freshman, across the concrete tundra. Although it remained cold, he pushed his way to the skate park to get in some of the first sessions of the season. Dedicated skaters swarmed the skate park as the snow faded away, well before the masses of athletes would storm the park to take advantage of the warmer spring months.

"I lived to skate," Mike said. "It was such a rush when I landed a trick I had been working on. Once the snow melted you could guarantee that I would be out there skating. Even in the winter, I would put on a jacket and practice in my garage or in my basement. Skating was something I could rely on."

Although much of the student body played school sports, some found solace in recreational activities. Jeff McCullough, senior, found in-line skating to be the right activity to involve himself in.

"All my friends started skateboarding, but I found that rollerblading just came easier to me," Jeff said. "I got pretty big into the sport early on. I didn't do it as much as I had in the past, but it was something I would fall back on."

Aside from the action sports, students engaged in pick-up games with friends for fun. Volleyball became a top selection among both guys and girls alike.

"I started playing volleyball with a group of friends last year," Jason Gott, junior, said. "It was a good change-up from all the other games like basketball and football."

The standard sports were not ignored, however. Seniors kept the traditional games alive.

"I loved getting together with everyone to play baseball," Matt Kasenga, senior, said. "We would get games of nearly 20 people going at times. We would call everyone we could think of and play these huge games."

Recreational sports kept some athletes in shape as opposed to the sheer fun others looked for.

"I played tennis with friends or just hit balls by myself to stay in shape," David Chen, junior, said. "I also played to stay focused on the season. I tried to run regularly and all that, but that was not fun, so I just started playing tennis to keep in good health. This way I would have a good time while achieving a goal."

As the night encroached and light was fleeting, Mike Cummings pushed home. After a long day of skating, Mike couldn't help but bear a smile.

Par fly

Lobbing the frisbee into the air, Dylan Wood, junior, engages in a competitive game of frisbee golf. The sport gained popularity in colleges nation-wide. "I enjoyed frisbee golf because it was something I could do outside without a lot of strenuous work," Dylan said.

"People should have spent more time outside. I loved getting people together and going swimming or playing volleyball when the weather allowed for it."

senior Darcie Kozlowski

Nose dive

Popping a nosegrab over the spine, Jamie Doyle, freshman, enjoys his Saturday. The skate park provided a place for skaters to go without having to worry about police kicking them out. "I used to only skate streets," Jamie said. "But cops became relentless so I use the skate park."

power pull

With teeth clenched freshmen Kevin Thorp and brother Ryan, anchor the freshman team during the Homecoming pep session tug of war. Despite their efforts, the freshmen lost to the juniors. "It was pretty cool to be on the same team as my brother," Ryan said. "I thought we had it won."



free for all

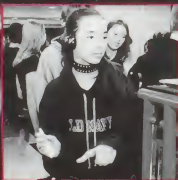
Taking advantage of the late 11:15 a.m. start for parent conferences,

Chris Kounellis, freshman, chooses the perfect apple. Students and faculty took free fruit on Tuesdays and Thursdays, provided with USDA grant money.



hat stuff

On the rare chance of wearing a hat in school, Katie Korem, junior, works on the juniors' Zeus float. "For me, style isn't about price," Katie said. "I'm happier wearing something I know I got for a good deal."

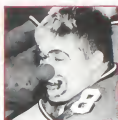


all ears

With music pouring from her headphones, Na'Lani Ravelo, freshman, listens to her cd player while eyeing a sub sandwich in the Main Event line. CD players, MP3 players, and iPods made music more portable.



zoom in Inspired by Homecoming Spirit Week, Soumya Gupta, sophomore, wears a goddess wreath for hat day. Determined to win, Coach Steve Lopez pulls for the North faculty during the pep rally tug of war against the South faculty. Red-nosed and white-cheeked, Lance Surma, sophomore, displays the senior football players' art work on his face during Spirit Week.



excess outdoes the average

From
vegans to
Versace,
students
encounter
extremes
in all
aspects
of life

With blonde liberty spikes, plaid pants and her hand-painted leather jacket, Lauren Gier, freshman, went to every length **and then some** in order to stand out from the crowd.

License in hand, Nick Shelton, sophomore, stood by as friends piled into every seat **and then some** of his four-seater camaro.

Ketchup oozing from the corners of a meatless sandwich, Andrew Sharp, junior, resorted to tofu **and then some** in an effort to maintain his untraditional vegan lifestyle.

After seeing Johnny Depp in *Pirates of the Caribbean* for the fourth time in theaters, Natalie Stigall, senior, made it her priority to see nearly every movie **and then some**.

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors encountered an array of choices. Diverse fashion, cars, food and entertainment caused students to go to excess **and then some**.

and then some **style**

brightandcurly

Students battle fashion vs. function

Whether 5 or 50 minutes remained between the alarm clock's buzz and first hour's bell, students found waking up inevitable. The early birds woke up as early as 4:50 a.m., while the late risers pushed the limits to 7:20 a.m. Despite the hour, the bottom line remained the same: they would settle in their seats by 7:45 a.m. or be counted tardy.

early riser: Nicole Marini **late starter: Berlin Boswell**

6 a.m. wake up	7 a.m. wake up
6:02 a.m. shower	7:02 a.m. shower
6:20 a.m. make-up	7:10 a.m. get dressed
6:30 a.m. blow dry hair	7:15 a.m. make-up
6:35 a.m. curl hair	7:20 a.m. brush hair and teeth
6:40 a.m. pick out clothes	7:25 a.m. leave for school
6:45 a.m. load backpack	7:30 a.m. arrive at school
7 a.m. eat breakfast	
7:15 a.m. get coat	
7:20 a.m. get picked up	
7:30 a.m. arrive at school	

earlybirdspecial

After the alarm clock sounds at 6 a.m., Nicole Marini, freshman, starts her morning routine. Nicole spent 15 minutes on her hair and 10 minutes on her make-up.



up early: Mihir Patel **late bloomer: Greg Blair**

6:15 a.m. wake up	7 a.m. wake up
6:17 a.m. brush teeth	7:01 a.m. brush hair and teeth
6:18 a.m. sleep again	7:11 a.m. eat cereal
6:30 a.m. shower	7:18 a.m. leave for school
6:50 a.m. get dressed	7:25 a.m. get to school
7 a.m. make a bagel	
7:10 a.m. bus arrived	
7:25 a.m. get to school	

Riyona Abraham
Samuel Adkins



Paul Albrecht-Mallinger
Jonathan Alexander



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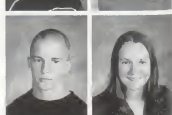
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Nick Barton
Courtney Basile



Joshua Bauer
Jessica Beezhold





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Gregory Blair
Michael Bland
Katelyn Bochnowski

Andrew Bookwood
Sylvia Borowicz
Jeffrey Bostick
Berlyn Boswell
Jacqueline Boyle
Cara Briggs
Peter Broualis
Elizabeth Browder

Carolyn Brown
Shawna Bruce
John Bugajski
Blaine Bugaski
Ryan Burris
Thomas Cafmeyer
Justin Campbell
Ashley Canan

Paul Capriglione
Colin Carey
Leah Carey
Mary Carp
Bennet Cerven
Naveen Chaubal
Philip Chiang
Jeff Chou

Austin Clark
Lindsay Close
Jessica Clusserath
Jonathan Contos
Desiree Cossyleon
Eric Cox
Daniel Crisman
Erin Cummings

Michael Cummins
Michael Curran
Zachary Curtis
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Joseph Domenico
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Jaymes Doyle
Justin Drogoiewicz
Jeffrey Dubish
Erica Dybel

Jimmy Dye
Kyle Dytrych
Emily Egan
Eric Ebert
Rachel Eldert
Aleksandar Elek
Olivia-Mari Enger
Adam Enright

and then some **style**

mend overtrend

students make simple changes to fit personal style

Kassandra Everette
Elena Falloon
David Fandi



With a preference not to spend much money, students found the solution through bargain shopping. They searched diligently for just the right price. Others found it easier to make their own clothes. They bought the material, chose their own design, and made their creation. Not compromising on fashion, these students found other ways to get clothes they liked without shopping.

Mitchel Farnsley
Anthony Fattore
Raul Ferrer



Michael Fisher
Nicholas Fisher
Jessica Flamme



how to save a penny a day

Design and make clothes \$\$
apply creativity

Look for sales before shopping \$\$\$
check out options

Plan a budget and stick to it \$\$\$\$
make one easy to follow

Limit access to money \$\$\$\$\$
if it's not there, it can't be spent

Get clothes that will last long \$\$\$
investing always saves

\$-saving effectiveness

Sarah Flick
Danielle Flores
Chaz Francis



Katherine Franklin
Alex Galante
Stephanie Gallardo



Jessica Garcia
Onanisan Gbagi
Errol Geberin



Brendan Georgas
Olivia Gershman
Leo Giannakis



Hallie Gibbs
Lauren Gier
Margaret Gluck



Alex Golos
Michael Gonzalez
Nathan Gonzalez



change of dress

"I don't like to dress the same way everyday," Kristen Kendall, junior, said. "It makes me feel limited." Kristen would alternate her style between formal and relaxed outfits.

I decide what I want to wear when I wake up in the morning. No one is the deciding factor for my style.

Ryan Slosser, freshman





Erin Goodman
David GoShay
Ryan Gott
Benjamin Gouwens
Amanda Graves
Jacob Groszek
Hilary Grunewald
Andrea Halverson

James Han
Mary Haneman
Christian Hansen
Kyle Harker
Thomas Harris
Kelsey Hauflaire
Michael Hawkins
Clayton Hedgepath

Jeffrey Heintz
Collin Hendron
Brian Heneghan
David Hernandez
James Hesterman
Frank Hibbs
Michael Hlebasko
Thomas Hofstra

Alyssa Hruskocy
Cecilia Huang
Lauren Hudak
Eric Hutchings
Chan Huynh
Joshua Hynekk
Rimi Ibrahim
Vanessa Jackson

Jordan Jancosek
Alexis Jeter
Daniel Johnson
Devin Johnson
Steven Johnson
Andrew Jonelis
Matthew Jones
Luke Jorgensen

Peter Jurich
Jeffrey Justus
Golnoosh Kamali
Anthony Kanavos
Kamalpreet Kaur
Bret Keil
Christopher Kennelly
Alexander Kevin

Manal Khani
Chelsy Kimes
Melissa Kirincic
Lynn Kirk
Kaylin Kish
Tim Klisser
Jarred Koessler
Ashley Kolarik

Christopher Kolodziej
Michael Konopasek
Renee Kooy
Christina Kouklakis
Chris Kounelis
Kristine Kovach
Michael Kovacich
Leah Kozlowski

Patrick Kozlowski
Jacob Krismanick
Matthew Kuehn
Jeffrey Kurth
David La Mantia
Alexander Lackey
Milijana Lalic
Warren Lane

and then some **style**

headtosew

Styles change as personal designs become prominent

Minutes after flipping through her *Teen People*, the freshman girl angrily throws the magazine across the room. The flimsy pages flutter open to an ad for American Eagle Outfitters.

A look of distaste spreads across her face as she thinks,

"I could design better clothes without even trying."

I don't buy my clothes depending on price. The cheaper it is, the more you can buy.

Lauren Parker, freshman

Price isn't really important, because if you love something, money shouldn't matter.

Jessica Clusserath, freshman

Having the latest style isn't important. I like to be comfortable.

Erica Dybel, freshman

I wouldn't mind making a few of my own clothes. But time is an issue. I also think that fabric and other supplies would cost more than just buying an outfit.

Mara Maddocks, freshman



setting their style

Taking a break from the hustle of C Lunch, freshmen Beata Pozdzial, Kristy Smith and Lauren Gier discuss Lauren's next couture creation. It took Lauren hours, days or even weeks to design an outfit. "I feel good about expressing my different choices," Lauren said. "I don't want to look like everyone else."

Alyssa Larimer
Katelyn Laszlo



Evan Lavery
Benjamin Lee



Bryan Lee
Catherine Lee



Tamara Lynn Lee
Connor Leto



Matthew Lipinski
Heather Loden



Lauren Lomeli
Veronica Lopez



Steven Luptak
Emily Lyness



Mara Maddocks
Jerome Magsaysay



Nicole Malo
Thomas Mambourg





Milos Mandic
Nicole Marini
Anthony Markovich
Marissa Marshall
Kathryn Martino
Jaclyn McCarthy
Clare McCullough
Eric McGill



Colleen McIntyre
Anthony McMahan
Brittany Medved
Sarah Meggers
Ryan Mehay
James Mehok
Samuel Meier
Benjamin Menderhall



Lauren Meneghetti
Angelique Mercier
John Meyers
Richard Meyers
Victoria Miskimins
Michael Mlodecki
Maureen Modesto
Mohammed Mohammed



Elissa Moll
Kyle Montemayor
Katharyne Moore
Kevin Moran
Alexander Morfas
Natalie Moya
Kendal Moyer
John-Michael Mulesa



Maxwell Nadolski
Eric Nelson
Kaitlin Newell
George Nieves
Lauren Nourie
Eunice Ntiamosh
Shaheen Omery
Oludara Oni



Jessica Osegueda
Julie Ostrowski
Zachary Oswald
Andrew Paliga
Laura Ann Panozzo
Megan Paradzinski
Bridget Parker
Lauren Parker



Lyann-Jason Pastrana
Mihir Patel
Kalpana Patil
Julie Paulauski
Frank Paulson
Erin Peiguss
Tony Perez
Joseph Perkins



Zachary Perlinski
Danny Petrovic
Austin Piech
Neylan Pozcಂತek
Patrick Pohrte
Beata Pozdzal
Anita Pulido
Abigail Purcell



Michael Purchla
Rachel Quinones
Jenni Ramirez
Julian Rangell
Nalani Ravela
Joseph Raycroft
Colleen Resler
Jeffrey Reuter

and then some **style**

amorningcrunch

striving to make early minutes count

Lellani Reyes
Johnathan Richardson
Adam Riley

Between alarm clocks and feathered friends, students found ways to wake themselves up each the morning. Zero hour students and athletes had little trouble waking up before the sun rose, but for the majority of students, finding the time to shower, dress, eat and do other morning tasks created a problem, even at 7:15 a.m.

Kaitlin Ritchie
Ralph Rivera
Christina Rizk

Kayla Roach
Meghan Ruich
Akash Rusia

savingsome seconds

How to save time during the morning rush

- 1 Shower before sleeping - save time in the morning and fall asleep faster at night.
Time saved: 10-15 minutes
- 2 Lay out clothes before bedtime - fall out of bed and in to the clothes quickly in the morning.
Time saved: 15 minutes
- 3 Buy Pop Tarts in bulk - combine with a glass of milk and have a complete breakfast in five minutes.
Time saved: 10 minutes

Donna May Sadural
John Sanchez
Daniel Schlesinger

Jason Schmelzer
Ashley Schmiedel
Gregory Schmitt

Patricia Schmueser
Joel Schneider
Joseph Scholtz

Amanda Schulte
Justine Sefton
Cameron Selent

Ravi Shah
Bryan Sherman
Maureen Shields

Michael Shofner
Aisha Siddiqui
Harmarjit Singh



cerealkillingtime

Fully awake at 6:45 a.m., Jordan Zarowny, freshman, enjoys a bowl of Fruity Pebbles. Jordan woke up at 6 a.m. every morning in order to shower, dress and eat with enough time. "My bird woke me up at 6 every morning, so I just took advantage of the time," Jordan said. "It's so much better than rushing around. It's nice because I actually got to enjoy my breakfast."



Michael Skeans
Ryan Slosser
Kristy Smith
Ashley Speakman
Josh Spiekhoult
Kara Spurlock
Corinne Stafford
Russell Starceovich

Julie Stocky
Samantha Stone
Katherine Stout
Kai Lani Strickland
John Strong
Julie Stump
Michael Sudbury
Marissa Sylvester

Kaitlin Szafsz
Katherine Taylor
Samantha Taylor
Tyler Thomas
Kevin Thorp
Ryan Thorp
Samantha Torres
Alaina Trgovich

Jason Trgovich
Nicole Trimolt
Danielle Troumouliaris
Jacob Turnbull
Alicia Tuuk
Anitha Umapathy
Daniel Umlauf
Eniesi Uwidia

Elizabeth Vacendak
David Van Wieren
Mary VanDeursen
Cristina Vanko
Melissa Vargo
Arek Varjabedian
Kate Varnum
Sonja Vasic

Matthew Vasquez
George Vauter
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William Wattersen
Andrew Webb
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Lisa Weichman

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Adam White
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Joseph Wingis
Christopher Winterhalter
Samantha Wojciechowski
Dana Wold
Brandon Wood

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Brian Wysock
Emily Yaeger
Allen Yee
Jordan Zarowny
Zachary Zawistowski
Michele Zehner
Marissa Zoppetti

Fadi Abu-Aita
Suzanna Acosta
Tracey Adomitis
Tiffany Aguilera
Saba Ahmed
Kory Akay
Leah Alberson
Anthony Alfonsi



Steven Alspach
Dayanna Alvarado
Carlos Alvarez
Brett Anderson
Stephanie Andrade
Chip Andrews
Alonzo Arellano
Christopher Bakker



Stephanie Banach
Angela Banas
Kaitlin Bandura
Lindsey Banka
Natalie Banka
Christine Barnes
Tiffany Barth
Brian Bartniczak



Milka Bastaic
Mark Bates
Emily Beezholt
Margaret Behrens
Julie Bembenista
Nicholas Benedek
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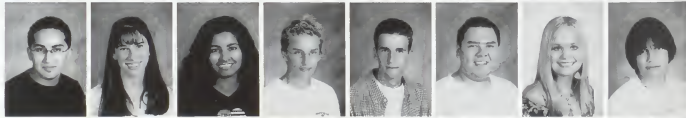
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Ryan Burke
Thomas Campbell
Allyce Carlson
Jason Carr
Anthony Carrillo



Armando Casas
Ruth Chambers
Rohini Chatterjee
Bryan Chovanec
Brandon Chynoweth
Antonio Cisneros
Emily Clark
Evan Compton



Jessica Conger
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Melissa Cray
Niko Culic
Natalie Culp
Benjamin DeBoer





Allison DeBold
Taylor Del Rio



Alyson DeLoera
Jacob DeYoung



Brock Dickens
Matthew Donnowitz



Kimberly Dooley
Alynia Dortch



Lauren Drosos
Daniel Drudge



James Economou
Jacquelyne Elman



Ameer Elsalaymeh
Aaron Embrey



Jacob Ernd
Aren Farkas



Farha Farooq
Reem Farooq

and then some driving

poolsomeeffort

students offer friends rides home

As the 2:45 p.m. bell sounded off, the parking lot changed from a desolate land of pavement into a dangerous array of speeding cars and students dashing to get to their rides. For those less privileged, some found themselves forced to call out a friend or sibling for a ride home.

"I cannot stand not having a car," Peter Brousalis, freshman, said. "I always have to bum a ride from a friend and I don't like to impose on anyone especially when I know they have things to do."



offeringhishelp

As a kind gesture, Nick Shelton, sophomore, offers to give his friends a lift to their homes after school. Nick became the first of his friends to receive his license, making it his duty to get everyone home. "I don't really mind taking people home," Nick said. "I know that if I wasn't the first to get a car, I would have been asking for rides, too."

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In attempts to find their way home from school, students debated giving friends a lift home. Some filled entire cars with peers, while others charged the lot and drove away alone to get home more quickly.

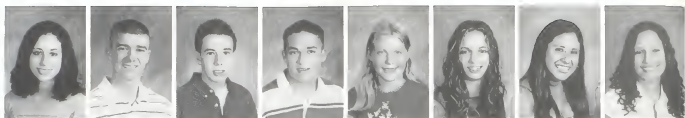
top 5 lines to get a ride

- 5 My car is in the shop, can you help me out?
- 4 Please, just this one time?
- 3 I live close. It will only take one minute.
- 2 I promise it won't be out of your way.
- 1 Come on! I would give you a ride.

top 5 lines to avoid giving rides

- 5 I'm sorry, I would but I have to get home.
- 4 I'm really busy today. I don't think I have time.
- 3 My parents need the car, so I have to get it home.
- 2 I would but your house is so far out of my way.
- 1 How much money do you have on you?

Julie Feingold
Grant Felgenhauer
Rodrigo Fernandez-de-Cordova
Kenneth Florek
Kelly Frank
Danielle Fuentes
Amanda Garcia
Lauren Gaskew



Maya Gendlin
Ilissa Gershman
Jonathan Ghezzi
Matthew Gifford
Zackery Glaser
Carmelo Gonzalez
Daniel Goodlander
Scott Goodwin



Eli Gopalan
Stephen Gorman
Sarah Grabarczyk
Michael Graczyk
Madeline Grdina
Soumya Gupta
Meghan Guthrie
Jose Gutierrez



Ashley Hack
Robert Haddad
Jessica Hajduk
Katharine Hamilton
Amy Hammermeister
Robert Hansen
Michael Harker
Brian Harrigan



Alexa Harris
Michael Hart
Andrew Harvey
Kimberly Hasse
Kimberly Hawkins
Kara Hayes
Satyanarayan Hegde
Rachel Heinrich



Claudia Hernandez
Keith Hernandez
Lindy Hernandez
Patrick Higgins
Danny Hmuovic
Stephanie Hoffman
Elyse Holloway
Abigail Homans



Jimi Hubbard
Hannah Huebner
Michael Hughes
Jennifer Jamcich
Milena Janewski
Casey Jedrejczak
Abbie Jercha
Amie Johnson



Chad Johnson
Michael Jones
Kurt Jorgensen
Bryan Joseph
Olga Jovanovic
Anthony Jurkash
Joseph Kasenga
Dimitri Katsepas



Sarah Kavanaugh
Daniel Kenzel
Shellie Kerzner
Amanda Kilbarda
Andrew Kittell
Kristina Kovacevich
Jeffrey Kovacic
Brooke Kozlowski





Stefanie Kraske
Theresa Kretz



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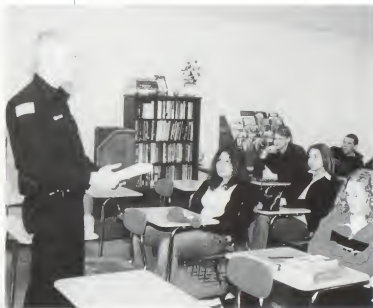
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students face the hardships of traffic violations

Looking in his rearview mirror, Mike Hawryszkow, junior, saw the glare of red and blue flashing lights. After passing Scott Strandberg, senior, in a street race, Mike made himself an easy target for the police. Pulled over for doubling the speed limit, crossing a solid yellow line, and racing, Mike faced up to nine points added to his license.

"In hindsight, I probably shouldn't have done it," Mike said. "I think I just got caught up in the moment. I was so set on winning that I didn't even see the cop right behind me."

Meghan Guthrie, sophomore, saw other driving difficulties. "My only real car problem was having to share with my sister Brogan," Meghan said.



reason to stand

In an effort to make the streets safer, Officer Jim Christ discusses the hazards of drunk driving. Students learned the harsh reality of the dangers that faced them when drinking. "During the lecture, Christ tried to shock us with facts," Jeff McCullough, senior, said. "To my surprise, it worked for some people."

direness in driving

Students realized the responsibilities that came along with the privilege of driving an automobile. Car accidents proved a big fear for Allison Chelgren, junior, causing her to postpone getting her license. "My dad was in a car accident and it was a wake up call," Allison said. "It shook me up, and I did not want to be on the road driving after that."

8.3%
of sophomores have received
a ticket for a traffic violation.

21.7%
of sophomores have been in
car accidents

60 students surveyed
March 3

Natalie Marchak
Roli Manthana
Monica Maroski
Daniel Manuel
Joseph Marciniak
Jeff Marinier
Aimee Maruszcak
Jason Matyasovich



Matthew Matz
Erich Maul
Samantha McCarthy
Jennifer McCreight
Clare McCulloch
Michael McIntyre
Michael McNicholas
David McWilliams



Ferdinand Medina
Allison Meggers
Brian Meyers
Jennifer Michalski
John Mihich
Ben Milbrath
Daniella Mileusnich
Anna Millies



Deana Miskimins
Wesam Mohammed
Lester Montes
Amber Morrow
Timothy Moseley
Yarria Murillo
Fareed Musa
Lindsey Newell



Danielle Niemann
Kelley Nolan
Caleigh Oliver
Angela Osterman
Shobha Pai
Thomas Paliga
Daphne Pantazis
Jasmine Pappas



Alyson Patton
Ajay Patwari
Richard Paulson
Alexandra Pavkovich
Nicole Peach
Kathleen Pearman
Alex Peck
Kevin Penman



Bryan Perkins
Stephanie Perz
Kevin Phelan
Heather Phipps
Allison Pilawski
Kimberly Price
Frank Pukosz
Stephanie Pulido



Peter Puthenvetil
Daniel Rak
Thomas Ramus
Gina Rebeco
Marinko Repac
Lucia Rigo
Dana Ritter
Jacob Rivera



John Rogers
Robert Romano
Stana Romic
Amanda Roque
Scott Rutkowski
Mark Sajin
Alex Sakellaris
Thomas Sapyta





Luke Sasek
Michael Sealy



Cylas Sefton
Amanda Seligman



Nicholas Shelton
David Siukola



Matthew Skertich
Samantha Skrobot



Kevin Smith
Brad Snedden



David Snuckel
Lisa Sobilo



Sara Soeka
Raymond Sowa



Jason Specyal
Shawn Spicer



Mary Ann Spolnik
Daniel Spungen

and then some driving

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students explain pro's and con's of owning cars

Whether it be a Beemer or a Pinto, students contemplated the positives and negatives of owning a new or used car. For some, the feeling of having a brand new car seemed appealing, while taking a more economical approach enthused others.



Eric Zarowny, junior
2003 Mitsubishi
Lancer Evolution

Advantages: It was fun to drive since it was a faster car. It also attracted a lot of attention.

Disadvantages: I had to worry about the car a lot. I had to be careful where I parked because I was afraid of getting any damage on the car. The insurance on the car was crazy, so I couldn't afford having damage and then have it go any higher.



Tom Grantner, junior
1988 Oldsmobile
Delta 80

Advantages: The car cost me basically nothing. The insurance was cheap and it really didn't matter if there were some nicks and dents since it didn't cost that much in the first place.

Disadvantages: I had to spend more money on parts to fix it since it was older. The car wasn't too appealing to look at also.

focused on fords
The top 3 makes of cars in the parking lot

1.ford 2.pontiac 3.dodge

Matthew Spyrka
Victoria Sroka
Sarah Standley
Anna Starika
Chris Stassin
Sarah Steele
Aleka Stefanopoulos
Andy Stevens



Gina Stoffregen
Nick Stolarz
Rebecca Stork
David Strain
William Stuart
Matthew Studniarz
Jordan Sunderland
Lance Surma



Ashley Taylor
Mirko Tepavac
Matthew Tepperman
Elizabeth Thompson
Celeste Tiberi
Brent Tomczak
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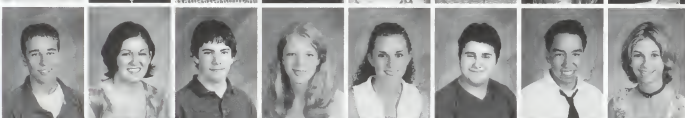
Alex Toth
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Alyssa Tremaine
Kevin Trotman
Robbie Urbanowicz
Egle Vaitiekute
Elyse Van Camp
Aric Van Weelden



Tiffany Varney
Nikola Vasic
Joshua Vega
Ian Vera
Melissa Victor
Nicholas Volkman
Kathryn Vroom
John Wadas



Kyle Wade
Lane Wagner
Timothy Wasem
Kaylyn Watterson
Casey Webb
Mark Webster
Sean Weichman
Lindsay Weiss



Manasseh Wells
Zacharias Wells
Marie Welsh
Matthew Westerlund
Daniel White
Elizabeth Wibbe
Brian Williams
Jacquelyn Yerga



Molly Yothment
Joseph Zagorski
Eric Zyglowicz



and then some **driving**

get indrive

sophomores push forward with their independence

To keep control of their cars, sophomores learned how to keep them in shape. While many factors factored into a car upkeep, one thing remained clear: student independence included high cost. From rising gas prices, frequent oil changes, and break checks, car required an average of \$400-500 every year.

wheelskeepturning

As a sign of his independence, senior Bryce Hlista drives away in his car. Students who drove to school didn't have to wait for buses when school let out at 2:17 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. "It is a great feeling of freedom," Bryce said. "There's nothing like getting behind the wheel and just going when you please."



carsmeantwork

Oil Changes	Every 3 months or 3,000 miles
Includes: Changed oil, filter, air filter, checks of the different fluids and blades.	
Transmission	15-30,000 miles
Includes: Fluid flush and replace old with new fluids, filter replacement	
Radiator Flush	Every 30,000 miles
Battery Check	Check once yearly
Serpentine Belt	Every 40,000 miles

Differential Service	15-30,000 miles
Fuel injector Cleaning	30,000 miles
Wiper Blades	Every 6 months
Air Filters	Every 8-12,000 miles
Headlights	Replace before traffic ticket
Fuel system cleaner	Every 10,000 miles

Information from Duke of Oil in Munster

and then some **dining**

foodforthought

students show creativity through odd food combinations

F From dipping fries in strawberry milk shakes to putting ranch dressing on pepperoni pizza, five students shared the most unique and creative combinations of foods they had eaten.

Salt and sweet: I eat fries and ice cream together. Fries are really salty and ice cream's really sweet, so I thought it would be good together. -**Gordana Radmilovic, junior**

All she can muster: I'll only eat green beans if they have mustard on them. I don't know why I like them but for some reason, they taste really good. -**Melissa Jurich, junior**

Pigging out: I had to eat pork rinds, gelatine, head cheese, and pig 'tails' for extra credit in Mr. Miller's geography class. All of it was disgusting. -**Sean Leto, junior**

Dare to try: I had a combination of mashed potatoes, apple sauce, ketchup, mustard and chocolate milk. It was disgusting. It was a dare and I got 5 bucks for it. -**Erica Koselke, junior**

Cheese-it: I take noodles and cottage cheese and mix it with fried eggs and onions. Once you're finished, it feels like you gained a billion pounds. It tastes great. -**Rob Ostrowski, junior**

butteritup

Determining the right amount of peanut butter, Trevor Clippert, junior, makes a peanut butter and butter sandwich. This item became a popular after-school snack for Trevor. "After football practice I would always come home and make a peanut butter and butter sandwich for myself," Trevor said. "It was the perfect snack."



Ena Akofo



Daniel Albrecht-Mallinger



Elena Alcalá



Elizabeth Alonzo



Ashley Alters



Lori Andjelich



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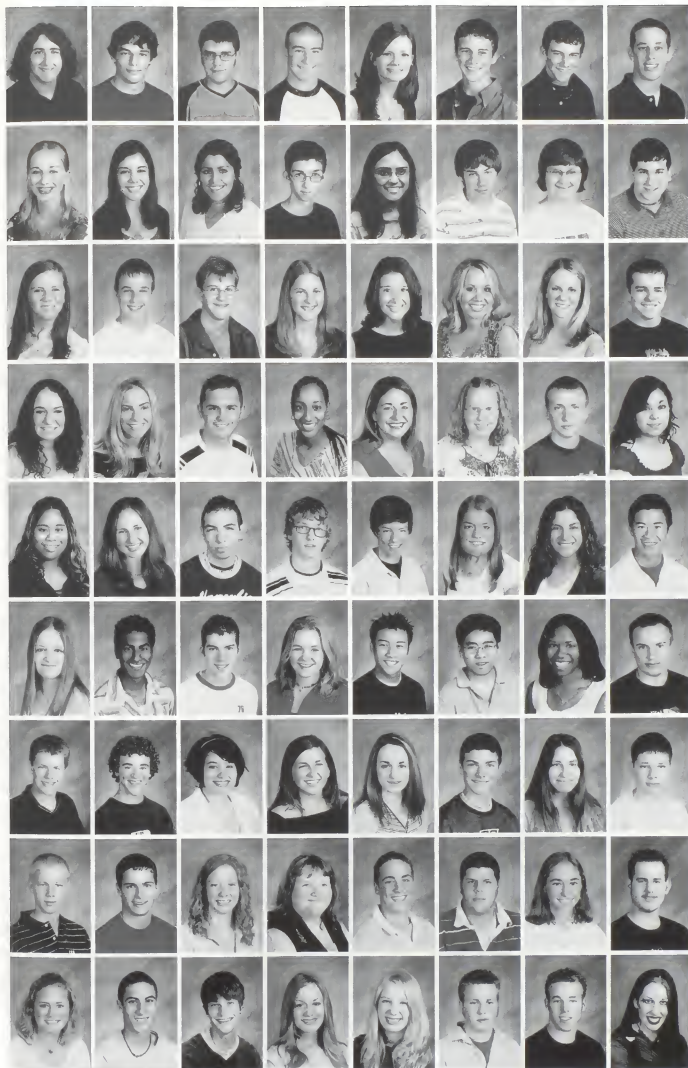


Eric Appelsies



Jessica Arens





Spelios Bacoyanis
Mark Balicki
Steven Balog
Brent Banach
Jacque Banas
Joel Barnes
Jordan Barnes
Kyle Bechir

Michelle Becka
Natalie Belkairous
Cristina Benavente
Eliot Benman
Erica Bhavsar
Andrew Bissonnette
Breanne Bizon
Martin Blumberg

Brittany Bohling
Zak Boswell
Doug Boyer
Emily Bradley
Stephenie Brajak
Jessica Brakulis
Ashley Brian
Beau Brokop

Ashley Brown
Lucy Brown
Grant Burdeau
Melissa Burford
Sarah Burstein
Nicole Cacich
John Camp
Laura Campos

Marnan Campos
Jenna Candiano
Nicholas Capizzani
Seth Carlberg
Adam Carlson
Ashley Carlson
Nicole Castor
Phil Chan

Christen Chapman
Chetan Chaubal
Michael Cheek
Allison Chelgren
David Chen
Jason Chen
Gina Christopher
Richard Cigler

Trevor Clippert
Matthew Coduti
Corrie Cummins
Lauren Davis
Shannon Davis
Jeff De Armond
Alyssa De Bold
Steven Decker

Christopher Demars
Matthew Derolf
Ashley DeVries
Emily Diekelmann
Ryan Dillner
Marko Djuric
Christina Domenico
Ryan Drees

Ashley Drobac
Pete Drogolewicz
Brennan Drossos
Jennifer Dubish
Ashley Dudzik
Bradley Dunham
Joseph Dwaars
Karlyn Dytrych

and then some **dining**

face on food

students define how, when, why, and what they eat

Students surround themselves with family eating habits. Whatever way their family ate became their way of eating. These habits secretly imbedded themselves within each students' personality. During lunch, some food personalities clashed, while others meshed. "You can't eat dessert before you eat the main course," Dragana Petrovic, junior, said. "Well, vegetables shouldn't be eaten before meat," Bethan Sylvester, junior, claimed. "Hey guys, does it really matter? It's all going to the same place," Elizabeth Puterko, senior, said, pacifying the growing argument.

personal food style

Melissa Burford, junior

limitation: "I can't eat pork because my religion forbids it"
dilemma: "Sometimes during lunch, it's hard to pick a food I can eat. It's also hard because I'm a picky eater."
solution: "I always find something to eat at lunch even if it's not the healthiest thing, but I balance it out when I go home and eat."

Shannon Davis, junior

limitation: "I don't eat certain foods because I am diabetic. I have to follow a specific diet."
dilemma: "There's a lot of foods that I'd like to eat, but I know what I need to do to keep myself healthy."
solution: "I manage what I take in as far as sweets, and I make sure I don't eat other foods that can be dangerous to my health."

openhelimit

Having to deal with limitations during lunch, Elizabeth Puterko, senior, packs a sack lunch daily. Each day, Elizabeth's lunch consisted of a grain bar. "I think it helped give me that energy boost that I needed," Elizabeth said.

I don't always eat a balanced meal during lunch. Often I eat food that I know is junk food, but I can't always find a full meal that I completely would like to eat.

David Chen, junior



Elliot Eismín



Rade Elek



Bradley Elias



Teo Ellis



Nicole Enright



Mark Evans



Mark Everette



Jonathon Fisher



Jared Flahaven



Stephanie Frank
Kelly Fray
Jon Funston
Jeffery Gaik
Morgan Geberin
Robert Gephart
Gregory Gier
Sam Golts



Jonathan Gonzalez
Jessica Gorman
Mariann Gornal
Rachel Gosciej
Jason Gott
Clint Crall
Thomas Grantner
Andrew Graves



Genevieve Grdina
Adam Grunewald
Dan Grunewald
Lauren Guidotti
Manini Gupta
Brogan Guthrie
Marcus Hammond
Heather Haneman



John Hansen
Steve Harker
Kathleen Harvey
Allison Hasseloff
Michael Hawryszkow
Collin Hayes
Amy Heaney
Matthew Heintz



Shawn Hendron
James Hennes
Christopher Hernandez
Justin Hernandez
Marty Hernandez
Adam Hirsch
Irena Hnatusko
Amy Hoffman



Kevin Hoffman
Taylor Hopkins
Teddy Horowitz
Laura Hruska
Adam Hruskocy
Michael Hubbard
Kaylen Huggy
Joseph Hunt



Blake Hunter
Steven Hus
Holly Ispas
Timothy Johnson
Justine Jones
Michelle Jones
Erin Joseph
Melissa Jurich



Hana Keil
Kristen Kendall
Lea Kilbarda
Kevin Kocis
Andrew Koessler
Kaitlin Korem
Erica Koselke
Kyle Krajewski



Stephen Krolak
Gregory Kurz
Prince Kwateng
Eric LaMagdeleine
Linda Landowski
Lyndsay Langbehn
Sarah-Anne Lanman
Sarah Laymon

and then some **dining**

spreading meatless meals

Vegans and vegetarians experiment with alternative eating

Whether eggs, milk, or just red meat, stayed off students' menus, a variety of eating styles spread through the student body. Though students felt familiar with most vegetarian terminology, the picky eaters best clarified the terms themselves.

Religion played a large part in Arun Umaphathy's decision to lead a selective vegetarian lifestyle. Selective vegetarians varied in their eating habits. Some ate everything except red meat, while others would ate only fish.

In Hinduism all animals are sacred, and for us to kill an animal for our needs is purely selfish.

Arun Umaphathy, junior

After being inspired by his older sister, Andrew Sharp, junior, decided to become a vegan. Vegans eliminated milk, eggs, meat and all other animal products from their lives, including leather. Slightly more time consuming, vegan meals proved fairly easy to make, according Andrew.

Being a vegan means giving up meat, dairy, eggs, and animals products so I don't contribute to animal cruelty.

Andrew Sharp, junior

andrew's vegan menu

Breakfast: Cocoa puffs with soy milk, organic orange juice, one multi-vitamin

Lunch: Bagel with peanut butter or pita bread with hummus

Snack: Soy macaroni and cheese with a tofutti cuties tofu ice cream sandwich

Dinner: Soy cheese pizza and a salad with organic French dressing

For Amy Heaney, junior, sticking with a vegetarian lifestyle came down to morals. She cited an animal's ability to feel as the major deterrent. Her vegetarianism didn't get in the way of enjoying a variety of foods. By trading beef with soy crumbles, she made empanadas for her Spanish class.

I'm completely vegetarian, which means I don't eat any meat or seafood. After six years, I think that it's a decision that I can live with for the rest of my life.

Amy Heaney, junior

healthy and happy

Pita bread in hand, Andrew Sharp, junior, uses a hummus spread to meet his daily protein requirement. Adhering to a strict vegan diet, Andrew abstained from eating meat, egg products and milk products. "If I didn't get my protein from beans and soy, I probably wouldn't get it at all," Andrew said. "I took vitamins, but I tried to stick with natural sources if possible."





Dennis Lee
Paul Lettelt
Sondra Leslie
Sean Leto
Daniel Lewis
Sarah Liszka
Todd Loden
Ian Lopez



Keith Lorenz
Patrick Los
Taryn Lotak
James Lucas
Paul Malayer
Christopher Maloney
Benjamin Mann
Bill Marinakos



Kimberly Markovich
Mike Mashura
Anne McShane
Alfonso Menchaca
Daniel Meyers
Elise Miller
Steven Millies
Chad Montemayor



Kristen Moran
Nicholas Murphy
Krystle Murzyn
Rachel Myszak
Ibrahim Najamuddin
Kavita Nana
Julie Nelson
John Nootens



Michael Nowak
Alexis Nykiel
Daniel Ogren
Murad Omery
Christopher Ondo
Jessica Orzel
Elizabeth Osborne
Robert Ostrowski



Andrew Paarlberg
Sara Pappas
Arturo Paramo
Nicole Parra
Patrick Pataky
Rakhi Patil
Bennis Pavisian
David Pavkovich



Farris Pearson
Ross Petersen
Joseph Petrone
Dragana Petrovic
Joey Platek
Shawn Pizzuto
Brandon Platt
Aaron Pleitner



Jessica Pleitner
Amanda Pogach
Paige Popravak
David Porter
Neeja Prasad
Rachel Pucalik
Lindsey Pugh
Gordana Radmilovic



Danica Rajcevic
Bojan Rajkovic
Anna Rak
Erica Ranade
Suman Rao
McKenzie Rawden
Eric Reed
Jonathan Rich

and then some **dining**

Alexandra Rodriguez-Ruich

lunchbunchmunch

with 30 minutes to eat their lunches, juniors learn to spend time wisely

Jennifer Rogowski

Deciding what to put on their plates, students made decisions between cookies, candy, full course meals, drinks and fries. Not only did the variety of choices make it difficult for students to decide, but the prices, on occasion, seemed hard to devour.

Branka Romic

Maritza Roque

Brian Rubesha

Beth Rubino

Amy Saltanovitz

Natalie Samano

Katherine Sampias

otis spunkmeyer cookies \$1

19 percent of juniors enjoyed cookies not meals.

french fries \$1.75

French fries were preferred by 21 percent of juniors over full lunches.

chips \$1.35

Only 5 percent of students enjoyed chips over any other product.

full lunches \$1.75

An overwhelming 55 percent of juniors enjoyed eating full lunches.

gatorade \$1.25

Along with Gatorade, 26 percent of juniors drank juice.

water \$1.25

24 percent of juniors bought sparkling and flavored waters with their lunches.

milk \$1.35

Number one drink in the cafeteria took 30 percent of junior votes.

candy \$1.35-.50

Many varieties of treats lined the counters when students bought their lunches.

Total: \$1-3
spent on an average
school lunch everyday.

99 juniors surveyed

oodles/noodles

Enjoying her lunch, Stephenie Brajak, junior, buys pasta bar nearly every Friday. Pasta bar proved one of the biggest lunch sellers. "I don't know why I liked it so much," Stephenie said, "I guess just that out of all the options it was the best tasting choice."





Doren Sanford
Dustin Schmidt
Nathan Schmidt
Sara Schulte
Stephanie Scully
Christian Selent
Aditya Shah
Kate Shapiro



Phillip Shapiro
Andrew Sharp
Kelly Shaw
Tina Shieh
Michael Stiehling
Amanda Silva
Kelly Simmons
Thomas Simmons



Kevin Sinchak
Harjot Singh
Kathryn Slaboski
Mitzy Smiljic
Justin Smith
Rebecca Sons
Angela Sowinski
Christopher Spedus



Anthony Stack
Jessica Stalmack
Kristina Standley
Kristina Stephan
Erica Stout
Kevin Strbjak
Katrina Strong
Amanda Stump



Andrew Sulkowski
Michael Svilar
Bethan Sylvester
Kristen Szafasz
Yunwei Tai
Patrick Thomas
Colin Tomazin
Arun Umapathy



Valerie Umlauf
Jennifer Vacendak
Ugnius Vaitiekus
Gregory Van Camp
Elizabeth Van Wieren
Michael Van Wyk
Emilee Vandersluis
Scott Vandersteen



Aubrey Velasquez
Kelly Verkaik
Mireya Villalba
Roger Villalobos
Elizabeth Volkoff
Eric Wallace
Justin White
Danielle Wilks



Marc Wilson
Cara Wittecki
Dylan Wood
Brian Wujek
Kelly Yurasovich
David Zagorski
Goran Zarkovic
Eric Zarowny



Jennifer Zgorka
Zhi Zheng
Steven Ziemba
Jaime Zlamal

Imran Abbasi

Milan Acamovic

Amanda Achter: Student Govt. 9; Basketball 9-10; Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Track 9; Homecoming Court 12

Bryan Thomas Adams: Football 9-12; Track 9-12

Aja Aktay: French Club 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Art Club 9-12; Ping-Pong Club 10-12; NHS 11-12



Emily Alberti: Tennis 9-10; Track 11-12; Cross Country 12; German Club 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Speech and Debate 10; Ping-Pong Club 11-12; Project X 11-12

Drew Albertson

Dan Alfonsi: French Club 11

Rachel Anderson: Project X 9-10; Soccer manager 10; SADD 9; Aquarium Club 10

Ryan Anderson: Video Club 9-10; Orchestra 9-11



Stephanie Andjelich: Softball 9-12; Basketball 9-12; NHS 11-12

Matthew Baker: Basketball 9-10; Track 9-12 (Hoosier Boys' State 11)

Athena Bakris

Jillian Renee Balazs: Dance Team 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; ASL Club 12

Kimberly Marie Balzer: French Club 9-10; Ensembles 12; Musical 10



Bart Banach: Football 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Baseball 9-10; Track 11-12

Lauren Suzanne Banas: Soccer 10; Ensembles 11-12; Musical 9-11; SADD 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Kristina Barney

Julie Anna Bassetto: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Track 9-12 (capt. 11-12); NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 10-12; SADD 11-12 (pres. 12); Spanish Club 10-11; Homecoming Court 12

Justine Bauer: Basketball 9-10; Track 9-12; Cross Country 11-12; Ping-Pong Club 12; Spanish Club 9; African Drumming Club 12

**Brooke Lynn Becchino**

George Behrens: Basketball 9-10; Track 9-12; German Club 9

Jonathan Benedek

Joselynn L. Berg

Joseph Bertagnolli



Nancy Marie Biefeldt: Volleyball 9-12; ASL 11-12; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 11-12; Musical 10-12;

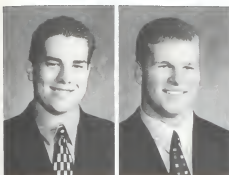
Brandi Bishop: Auditorium Staff 10-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Theater 10-12

Tyson Blake: Academic Team 9-12; French Club 9-11; NHS 11-12

Nikki Elizabeth Bland: Tennis 9-12; Project X 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; CEC 10-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12

James Joseph Bochnowski: Theater 9-12; Ensembles 11-12; Speech 9-12; Thespian 10-12; NHS 11-12; Tennis 9-10 (National Merit)





Robert E. Bogs III: Stage Crew 10
Bryan Bokowy: Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12);
Wrestling 9; Football 9-10



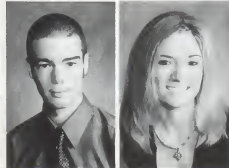
Dustin Bothwell
Ryan Bowers: Football 9-10; Track 9-10



Sarah Bradish: Soccer 9-10; Ensembles 10
Kristin Brazel



Andrew Bridgman: Speech and Debate 9-12;
Theater 9-12; Thespian 11-12; NHS 11-12;
Tennis 11; Ensembles 12
David Brown



George Joseph Budzik
Lauren Bugajski: Softball 9; Track 12



Christina Burke
Jonathan Caddick: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12;
Basketball 9

and then some **entertainment**

just listen

from chart-topping singles
to one hit wonders, the radio
kept students in tune

Whether they listened to pop-punk or

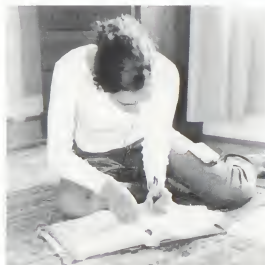
"gangsta" rap, students found themselves

immersed in music. With new artists

emerging, like Evanescence and

50 Cent, the radio waves filled the air

with chart topping hits.



homeworkhits

Listening to "Hey ya!" by Outkast on her iPod. Lauren Cherrier, senior does her World Literature homework. Lauren kept up with pop music throughout the year and frequently listened to music while doing her homework. "I listened to the radio a lot when I was driving," Lauren said. "When I heard a song I liked, I just downloaded it at home and put it on my iPod."

the hot top 10

the top tunes

10. Headstrong - Trapt
9. Beautiful - Christina Aguilera
8. Harder to Breathe - Maroon 5
7. Senorita - Justin Timberlake
6. Addicted - Simple Plan
5. Bring me to Life - Evanescence
4. Get Low - Lil' Jon and The East Side Boyz
3. Crazy in Love - Beyonce featuring Jay-z
2. Hey Ya! - Outkast
1. In Da Club - 50 Cent

Information taken from
popcultermadness.com

Josh Caddick: Basketball 9; Football 9-12; Baseball 9-11
Brian Carraher: Wind Ensemble 9-12; Drum Major 10-12; Jazz Band 9-12
Rachel Castleton
Alexandra Castanada
Neisy Castillo: Spanish Club 12



Michael A. Celozzi: Spanish Club 9-11; Amnesty Int. 11
Ashley Renee Chemerinsky: DECA 9-12 (District pres. 12)
Lauren Elyse Cherrier: Soccer 10-11; French Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; Tennis 9-11; Project X 10; Orchestra 9-12; Orchestra Pit 10-11; Ping-Pong
Euna Choi: Academic Super Bowl 11-12; Art Club 9-10; German Club 9-10; *Crier* 11; Quill and Scroll 11; NHS 11-12 (National Merit)
Wally Vicente Cirafo: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; DAR Good Citizen



Peter Ciric: Football 9-12; Swimming 9; German Club 9-11; Concert Choir 12
Kara Elizabeth Clark: Track 9-12; Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); SADD 9-12; Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12;
Louis Contos
Jamie Lynne Cook
Nick Cosme: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9; Track 9-11



Stephanie Danielle Coulis: Soccer 9-12; Theater 9-10; Tennis 9-12; French Club 9-12; Debate 10; NHS 11-12; IU Honors Program 11
Paul D. Cowgill: Tennis 9-12; Debate 9-12; Academic Team 10-12 (pres. 11); NHS 11-12 (pres. 12); Salutatorian
Matthew Culp: DECA 9-12
Gregory R. Curran: Tennis 9-12; Swimming 9-10; NHS 11-12; Marching Band 9-12
Suzanne Curtis



Brianne Cusick
Justin Dal Corobbo: Speech and Debate 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Theater 9-12; Thespian 10-12
Mary Rose Dal Polo: Color Guard 10-12; Auditorium Staff 9-10
Ashley Nicole Damjanovich: Swimming 9-11; CEC 9-10,12; Track 9; Spanish Club 9; Orchestra 9-10; Musical 11
Katherine Anne Daniels: Soccer 9-12; Track 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 12; Project X 12; CEC 12



Enneressa "Reesie" Davis: Track 10; NHS 11-12; ASL Club 10-11; Ping-Pong Club 11; *Crier* (Out and About Editor 11)
Kaitlin O. De Cero: Basketball 9-11 (capt. 11); Track 9; French Club 9-12
TJ De Giulio: Soccer 9-12
Addison Del Rio: Volleyball 9-10; Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12)
Paul DeLaney





Todd Dell'Aquila: CEC 10-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12; Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 10
Robin Dickens



Jason Thomas Dillon: French Club 9-12 (treas. 11; vice pres. 12)
Amanda Nicole Diombala: Basketball 9-11; Student Govt. 9; Track 9-10; Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12)



Sara Dobrinich: Cheerleading 9-12; Speech 9-12; Ensembles 9-12; NHS 11-12; Theater 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Thespian 10-12; Student Govt. 11-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 9; All-State Choir 10-12; Homecoming Court 12; Musical 9-12
Kristie Drudge



John Eric Dumakowski: Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 11; Project X 10-11; German Club 11-12; Video Club 9
Bill Durgin



Stephanie Dybel
Elise Suzanne Eldert: Orchestra 9-12; Speech 9-10; Tennis 9-10; Swimming 11-12; Musical 10-12; NHS 11-12; Camera 10-12



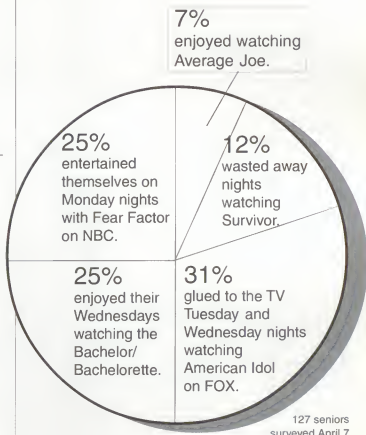
Lindsey Ellingsen
Jordan J. Ellison

and then some **entertainment**

reality shows took bite
out of weeknight watching

real weekly

Seniors continued to sit down and watch their favorite television shows. With reality shows at an all time high, fans watched Monday night Fear Factor and Tuesday's infamous American Idol. Wednesday's viewers watched as another "Idol" was voted off. Wednesday, students enjoyed Bachelor/Bachelorette, and then watched unforgettable episodes of Survivor: All Stars on Thursdays.



Jake Elman

David Estrada: Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 12);
Football 9; Concert Choir 12

William Evans

Zachary Fabert: French Club 11-12; German
Club 12

Stephen Fell



Kelley J. Fernandez: Golf 9-12 (capt. 12);

Student Govt. 9-12 (sec. 12); NHS 11-12

Justin Flick

Jenna Flores: ASL Club 10; DECA 10; Track 10

Brent Fox

Rob Franklin: Art Club 9-12



Michael David Friedman: Academic Team 9-12 (sec./treas. 11-12); CEC 10-12 (treas. 10);

Ensembles (10-12); Speech 9-12; Speech Council

11-12; Debate 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12

Tony Gallagher: Swimming (capt. 12)

Sheiphal Ghandi

Emouboh Gbagi

Okeoghene Gbagi: Amnesty Int. 11;

Swimming 11-12; Track 12



Alex L. Gikas: German Club 9-12 (vice pres.

11-12); Orchestra 9-12; SADD 9; Project X 10;

Football 9; Track 9; Swimming 9-10; NHS 11-12;

Academic Team 9-12; DECA 9-10

Rachel Healana Gill: Spanish Club 9-10; ASL

Club 11-12; NHS 11-12; Softball 9-10;

Swimming 10-12

Danielle M. Gillund: Swimming 9-11; Spanish

Club 9; Theater 10-12; NHS 11-12

Jon Giro: Soccer 9

Jennifer Gluek



Christopher Gomez

Kristin Leigh Gorski: Musical 9; ASL Club 12

Alex Grannert: Theater 10-12; Musical 12;

Speech 12

Scott Gray: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Ping-Pong

Club 9-10

Sara Gregson: Tennis 9; French Club 9-12 (sec.

12); Project X 9-11; SADD 9-10; Ping-Pong Club

10-12; Speech 10



Carlyn Grow: Swimming 9-11

Jason Grunewald: Football 9-12 (capt. 12);

Basketball 9-12; Baseball 9

Christina Maria Guanzon: Dance Team 9-12;

French Club 9-12

Allison Hanas

Mark Francis Hannigan: Swimming 9-10;

Tennis 9-10; Video Club 9-10; German Club 9-

12; SADD 9-10





Jillian Leigh Hanrahan: Volleyball 9-12; Basketball 9-11; ASL Club 11-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12
Sheree Hanrahan



Patrick D. Hansen: Spanish Club 9-10; Aquarium Club (sec. 10); Theater 10-11
Molly Hanson: Musical 9-12; Ensembles 10-11; Speech 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Theater 9-12 (stu. director 11)



Lauren Harrington: Softball 9; Soccer 9-10; Speech and Debate 10; Amnesty Int. 10-11
Sara Harvey



Drew Hauflaire: Swimming 9-12
Allison Joy Hawkins



Brian Hayes
Jacqueline Hayes: Project X 9-11; SADD 10-11; ASL Club 10-11 (treas. 11); Spanish Club 10



Krissy Herbeck: German Club 9-10; Art Club 9; DECA 11-12
John Herr: German Club 9, 11; Swimming 9-12

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Students dispute local and national sport topics

in the zone

From the Cub-Sox rivalry to the age limit on entering professional sports, favorites gave students the chance to voice their opinions on pressing matters.

Northside or **Southside?**

Cubs 66%

Overall they had the best season in a long time. The reason they didn't make it to the World Series wasn't because of the fan. It was Baker's fault for not pulling Mark Prior earlier. Once they lost game six, they lost all the momentum which kept them from advancing.

-Erica Stout, junior

Sox 34%

My whole family grew up watching the Sox, so I've always been a fan. Everyone focused on the Cubs last year, forgetting that the Sox didn't have too bad of a season themselves. At least the Sox don't have to cork their bats to prove that they're a good team.

-Mike Morley, senior

Buckeyes or **Bulls?**

College 33%

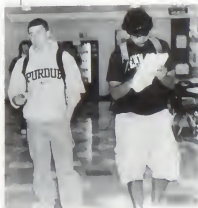
I enjoy the pros more because everyone in the pros is at a much higher level. It's the cream of the crop from college. The competition itself is much greater than college and the playoffs are a lot more dramatic.

-Mike Nowak, junior

Pro 67%

The athletes aren't playing for money in college, they're playing for the love of the game. It's also great to watch because you get to watch as the young players develop into stars.

-Bill Evans, senior



pennpals

Wearing his Penn State shirt, Peter Puthenveetil, sophomore, finishes his chemistry homework as he walks with sophomore Grant Felgenhauer. "I've always been a big fan of Penn State," Peter said. "Ever since I was a kid, I've always wanted to attend college at Penn State."

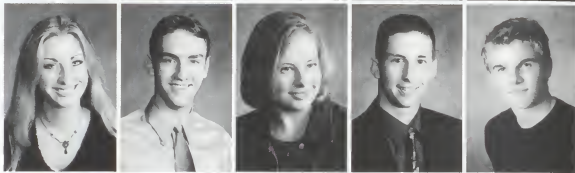
Megan Michelle Hershberger: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 11-12)
Elizabeth Hinkleman: Swimming 9-12; French Club 9-10
Bryce Hlista
Chad Douglas Holajter: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Golf 10-12; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 10; Ping-Pong Club 10; Principal's Award for Excellence 11
Nathan Holobowski: Baseball 10-12; DECA 10; French Club 9-12



Jia Hou: Tennis 9-12; NHS 11-12; Academic Team 9-12; Ping-Pong Club 10; Debate 9-12 Presidential Scholar
Kathryn Howarth: Soccer 9-11
Nicole M. Huffman: ASL Club 10; Spanish Club 10
Alex Jacobs
James Jamrock: Football 9



Carolyn E. Jania: Theater 9-12; Speech 10-12; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 11-12; Ping-Pong Club 10-12; French 9-12; Project X 10-11; SADD 10; Art 11; Tennis 9; Homecoming Queen
Miljan Jankovic
Jayme Jedrzeczak: Band 9-10; ASL Club 11-12; Academic Team 11; NHS 11-12; SADD 12; Tennis 9-12
Matthew Jillson: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9-11; Tennis 9-11
Sigurjon Johannson



Christine Michelle Johnson: Project X 9-12 (co-pres. 12); Golf 10-11; NHS 11-12
David Johnson
Emily E. Jones
Emily L. Jones
Danielle Jordan: *Paragon* photographer 11



Andrew Jorgensen
Shreyas Joshi: Tennis 9-12; Speech 9-12; Debate 10-12; Band 9-10; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 12; Academic Team 12; Principal's Award for Excellence 11
Daniela Karanikie
Matthew O'Connell Kasenga: Soccer 9-10; Speech 9-12; Theater 12; NHS 11-12; Academic Team 11-12
Adam Kaufman



Kersten Kelly
Kate Kerner: Tennis 9-10
Kristina Kesely: Theater 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12 (production manager 11-12) Musical 9-12; Thespian 10-12; Ensembles 10-12; Art Club 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10; Color Guard 9; All-State Choir 11
Joe Kewitz
Julie Marie Kiekenapp: Swimming 9-10; CFC (pres. 9); NHS 11-12; Thespian 10-12; Musical 9-11; Auditorium Staff 9-12 (house manager 10-11)





12); Theater 9-12

Kara Breanne Klebs: Track 9; Swimming 10
James J. Knesek: Soccer 9-10; Track 10-12;
Spanish Club 9-10,12; Aquarium Club 10-11
(pres. 10-11)



Phil Kompare: Wrestling 11; Track 10-11; ASL
Club 10-11; NHS 12
Julia Marie Konopasek: Cross Country 9-12
(capt. 11-12); Track 9-12 (capt. 12); Swimming
10; NHS 11-12 (treas. 12); CEC 11-12 (sec. 11);
Ping-Pong Club 11-12; Spanish Club 10



Samantha Korda
Meghan Elizabeth Kosiba: Band 9-11;
Ensembles 9-11; Choir 10-11; Band 9-11



Christopher J. Kozlowski: Ping-Pong Club 11-
12; DECA 12
Darcie Marie Kozlowski: Band 9-12; Orchestra
9-12; Project X 12; NHS 11-12; Swimming 9;
Track 10-12



Lisa Marie Krismanick: Tennis 9-12; ASL Club
10-12; NHS 11-12; *Paragon* 11; SADD 12; Quill
and Scroll 11
Patrick Kunka



Katrina M. Kupski: CEC 9; Basketball 9;
Softball 9-10
Andrea Lackey

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movie magic

You took the SAT tests, AP exams and
finals. Now relax with a lighter version of a
common school occurrence. Take this quiz
to find what movie personality you have.

1. Which is your favorite:
A. School of Rock
B. Mystic River
C. Master and Commander
2. Which is your least favorite:
A. Mona Lisa Smile
B. Secret Window
C. The Girl Next Door
3. What would be a perfect date:
A. Double date to a movie theater.
B. Rent a movie and stay home.
C. Drive-in movie with your boy / girlfriend.
4. Would you rather:
A. Spend the day in Chicago and attend a Second City performance.
B. Enjoy a candlelight dinner with that special someone.
C. Embark on a mission to save your home town from alien invasion.

Mostly a's: comedy

You love to laugh! Whether it's at yourself or at a celebrity, laughing keeps you alive.

Mostly b's: romantic/drama

You like being swept away by romance. The more dramatic the better, as you always say.

Mostly c's: action/thriller

You like movies that take you for a ride!
Congratulations on your strong stomach.



watch Out
At *Kill Bill: Volume 2*, seniors Christina Guanzon and Rich Shudick and junior Ashley Carlson sit through movie facts. "After Volume 1, we couldn't wait to see the second," Christina said.

Melissa Lahn

Christina Largus: Cheerleading 10-12; SADD 12; Project X 12; ASL Club 12 (treas. 12); Homecoming Court 12
Robert Larson: Football 9; Track 10-12; Speech 9; Debate 9
Kathryn Marie Laudermilk: Volleyball 9-10; Project X 10-11; SADD 10-11; Spanish Club 9; CEC 9-11 (vice pres. 9-10, pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 12 (vice pres. 12)
Laura Kathryn Lautz: French Club 9-12; Dance Team 9-10 (capt. 10); CEC 9-12 (vice pres. 9-10); Project X 11; NHS 11-12

Emily Anne Lawrence: Cheerleading 9; Soccer 10; Project X 11; SADD 11; NHS 11-12
Andrew Y. Lee: Debate 9-12; Academic Team 9-12 (pres. 12); Tennis 9-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 12; Valedictorian
Brandon Michael Lee
Michael Lee
Maureen Ann Leopold: Dance Team 9; French Club 10-11

William T. Lewis Jr.: Student Govt. 10-12 (Student Body President 12); Debate 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Track 9-12; CEC 11 (vice pres. 11); NHS 11-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 11; Academic Team 11-12
Justin Libak: ASL Club 11-12
Theresa Jane Logan: Band 9-12; Ensemble 10-11
Michael Lowe
David Lukomski

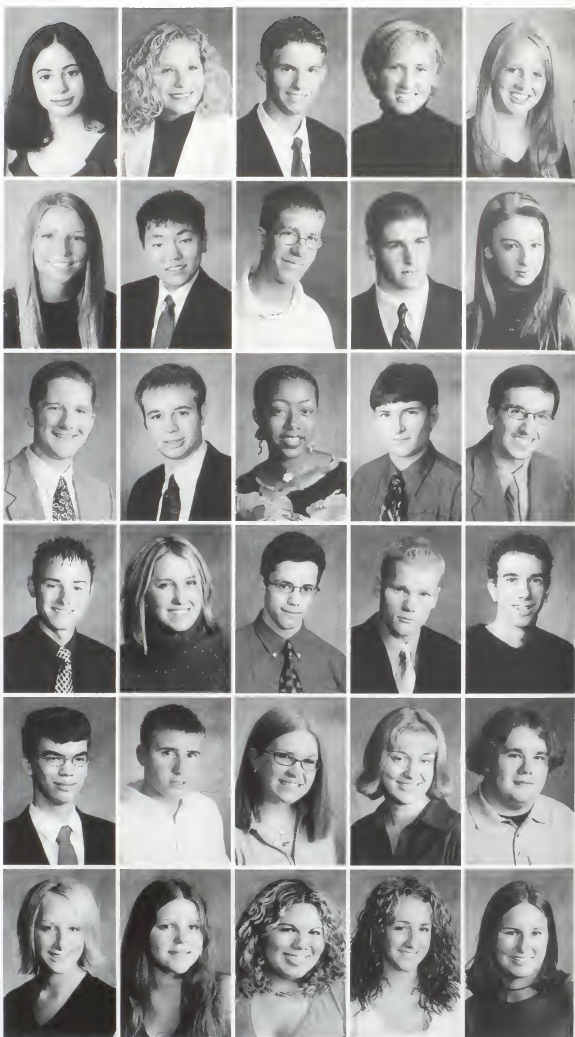
Timothy Macak

Lindsay Marie Mambourg: Volleyball 9; SADD 11-12
James Manuel: Wrestling 11-12; German Club 10-12
Josh Martin: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Football 9-10; Track 9; Student Govt. 10; CEC 11; NHS 11-12
Jason Mayer

James Mayfield: Project X 10-12; Video Club 9-10; Spanish Club 9
Michael McCarthy: Football 9; Swimming 9-10
Erin McGuan
Michelle McIntyre: German Club 11-12; Tennis 10; Ping-Pong Club 12; Spanish Club 10
Kevin McLean

Kelly McWilliams

Madonna Mecha
Rachel Yvonne Medina: Project X 10; Couture 11-12; Paragon 11
Sherri Mehek
Britney Meier





Bryan Michel
Christopher A. Mihal: Spanish Club 9; Band
9-12; French Club 10; NHS 11-12



Rachel Mihich: Band 9-12; NHS 11-12;
Auditorium Staff 10-12; Band 9-12; Thespian
11-12; Orchestra 11-12; Theater 10-12
Kate Mikels: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); French
Club 9,11; NHS 11-12; Musical 10-12



Lindsay H. Miller: French Club 9-12
Michelle Miskimins: German Club 9-12 (sec.
10-12); Band 9-10; NHS 11-12; Auditorium Staff
9-11



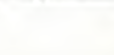
Andrew Moffitt: Swimming 9-10
Madilyn Moran: Cheerleading 9-10; Track 9-
10; ASL Club 11-12; SADD 12; Project X 12



Alexandria M. Morley: Softball 9-10; NHS 11-
12; Art Club 9; Spanish Club 9-12; Project X 9-
12; SADD 9; Drama 11-12; Amnesty Int. 12;
Ensembles 12



Madeleine J. Morley: Spanish Club 9-12; NHS
11-12; Amnesty Int. 12; Project X 9-12; SADD 9;
Art Club 9; Paragon Photographer 11; Softball
9-10



Michael A. Morley: Basketball 10-12
David M. Murks: Auditorium Staff 9-12

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movie mania

Vocab lists, Communist leaders and math

formulas were all drilled into your head

throughout the year. Now test how well you

memorized lines from the year's blockbusters.

1. "You best start believing in ghost stories, Miss Turner. You're in one."
 - a. Matrix Revolutions
 - b. Lord of the Rings, Return of the King
 - c. Finding Nemo
 - d. Pirates of the Caribbean
 - e. Seabiscuit
2. "Tonight, the future of both worlds will be in your hands... or in his."
3. "Certainty of death. Small chance of success. What are we waiting for?"
4. "I was crippled for the rest of my life. I got better. He made me better. You made me better."
5. "Yeah, we saw you. And we were like, 'Whoa!' and you were like, 'Whoa!' and we went like, 'Woah...'"

1.d; 2.a; 3.b; 4.e; 5.c
Answers:
source: imdb.com

reeling it in

Wanting to choose the best new release, Bryce Hlista, senior, selects the DVD *Big Fish*. "I saw Big Fish in theaters with my girlfriend," Bryce said. "I wanted to watch it again to see if I missed anything."



Bhavik Nana: Tennis 11-12; Spanish Club 10-11; SADD 11-12; Ping-Pong Club 10-12; German Club 11; Project X 10-12
Matt Nierengarten
 Thomas Novosel
Katherine A. Ntiamoa: Tennis 9; *Crier* (Opinion Editor 12); Project X 9-12 (co-pres. 12); French Club 9-12 (sec. 11); Principal Advisory Team 12
Rod Oance: Band 9; Debate 10-11; Academic Team 9-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 12; Theater 12



Melissa Anne Obszanski: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-11 (capt. 11); Track 9-12 (capt. 11-12); German Club 9-10; ASL Club 10; NHS 12
Natalia Paez
David Wayne Paliga: Football 9-12; Basketball 10
Jeffrey Papaleo
Nilay P. Parikh: Ping-Pong Club 12; German Club 11-12; ASL Club 11; French Club 10-12; SADD 12; Project X 12



Kinnary J. Patel: Spanish Club 9-10; ASL Club 11-12; Track 10; Ping-Pong Club 10
Vishal Patel: DECA 10-11; SADD 10-11
Michael H. Penman: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12
John Perkins: Football 9-10; Track 9-10; Ping-Pong Club 11
Ryann Elizabeth Perlinski: Tennis 9-12; Cheerleading 9-10 (capt. 10); NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12; CEC 11-12 (sec. 12); Spanish Club 9-10; ASL Club 11



Russell Peterson
Julie Christina Petrone
Dan Phillips: Auditorium Staff 9-12 (tech. director 11-12)
Gabe Pomerancblum
Michelle Nicole Potter: NHS 11-12; Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-10; Musical 11; German Club 11-12; Ping-Pong Club 12; Spanish Club 10-11



Tom Powley
Michael Pryzylski
Elizabeth Puterko: Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-11
Kathy Pycinska: Project X 10-11; Spanish Club 10-11; French Club 10; *Paragon* 11
Suzanne Quasny: Basketball 9; Volleyball 9-10; Cross Country 11-12; Track 9-12; Spanish Club 9; Ping-Pong Club 11-12; NHS 11-12



Brandon Rafacz
Stephanie Rangel
Joshua S. Raycroft: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Cross Country 10-12; NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 11); Student Govt. 11-12; Academic Team 11-12; Jazz Band 9,11-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 9
Kaitlin M. Rebesco: Dance team 9-10; Project X 11
Megan Remec: Basketball 9-12; Softball





Kristopher A. Renzi: Football 9; Track 12
David Resler: Track 9-12; Swimming 9-12;
Cross Country 9; NHS 11-12



Amanda Marie Reuter: Project X 9; Band 9-10;
Golf 10-12 (capt. 12); ASL Club (10-12); Ping-
Pong Club 12; *Paragon* photographer 11
David Ian Rick



Patrick Robinson
Alissa Laine Rosario: Volleyball 9; Basketball
9-10; Track 10-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Aquarium
Club 10-11 (vice pres. 10-11)



Dana Sarber
Jeffery Schmidt



Renee Schmitt
Jackie Schneider



Robert Schoon
Andrew Schultz: Orchestra 9-12; Speech 9-12
(Speech Council 12); French Club 9, 11-12
(treas. 12)

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students decide which
'peer to peer' client to use
to get the hottest songs

file sharing

With the threat of prosecution for harboring illegal music files hanging overhead, students sought alternative sources to download their favorite songs. While some continued to use illegal "clients", others chose to go legit and use one of the many new pay to download sit



the download

Immersed in his search and in the music, TJ Surma, senior, uses Kazaa Lite to search for songs by In Flames. Although users of Kazaa Lite became susceptible to lawsuits, TJ did not feel threatened. "You can only get sued over the amount of MP3s you have on your computer," TJ said. "The songs I download are just transferred right to CD and I never have more than 30 songs on my computer at a time."

the legal alternative

Two legal sites to download music

iTunes.com

Cost: 99 cents per song or \$10 per album

"I use iTunes because I got a free trial with my iPod," Ryan Anderson, senior, said. "It's really cool though, because it has any song you can think of and you don't have to worry about getting sued."

MusicNet.com

Cost: \$8.95 per month for unlimited downloads

"I tried using MusicNet for a while after Kazaa got shut down," Greg Gier, junior, said. "I liked it because you didn't have to pay for individual songs but I hated it because if you wanted to burn your songs to a CD, you had to pay more. I cancelled it after one month."

Leah Rae Shaffer: Dance Team 9-12 (Capt. 11-12); Spanish Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; Aquarium 11; African Drumming Club 12; Student Govt. 10; CEC 11-12; Ping-Pong Club 11-12; Couture 11-12; Neel Shah: Tennis 9-12; Jazz Band 9; Speech 9-10; French Club 9-11; NHS 11-12
Sapna Shah
Shivani Sharma: Project X 9-12 (Co-pres. 12); Amnesty Int. 11-12 (pres. 12); Cross Country 10-12; Spanish Club 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Orchestra 9-10; Speech 10-11; Ping-Pong Club 10-12; Tennis 9-10



Scott Sherwood
Michael John Shideler: Tennis 9-12; Project X 9
Amanda Jo Shike: Cross Country 9-12 (Capt. 11-12); Track 9-12
Michael J. Shinkan: Baseball 9; Tennis 9; Wrestling 9-10; Soccer 10-12; Golf 10-12; Student Govt. 9-12
Anton Shishkin: Spanish Club; DECA; CEC
Richard Daniel Shudick: Tennis 9-12; Auditorium Staff 10



Raymond D. Sicinski: SADD 9-10,12; Project X 9-12; Cross Country 10; ASL Club 10-12; Drama 11-12
Mark Sikora: Jazz Band 11-12; Pep Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12 (Section leader 11-12)
Nicole Lynne Simchak: Spanish Club 9-11; ASL Club 10
John Simmons
Christopher Sean Sipes: Football 9; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Theater 11-12; Wrestling 9; Track 9; Swimming 9



Cortney Skaggs
Lauren Skibinski
Alexandra Skinner: French Club 9-12; Cheerleading 9-12; Ping-Pong Club 10-11; NHS 11-12
Kristi Smith: CEC 9 (sec 9); Swimming 9-12 (Capt. 12); SADD 9-12
Nicholas Smith

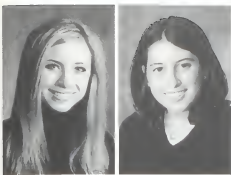


Steve Sochacki
Joseph Soeka
Jessica Solis
Anthony Spinoso
Andrew Spivey: Football 9; Wrestling 9; Baseball 9



Sheri Lynn Spolnik: Swimming 9-10; German Club 10; Spanish Club 9-10; Aquarium 10; French Club 10
Ana Sretenovic
Sheena Srivastava: Orchestra 9; French Club 10-12; Couture 11; Amnesty Int. 11; Project X 12; Ensembles 12; Theater 11-12
Amanda Stamos
Scott Starewicz: Baseball 9-12 (Capt. 9,12); Football 9-12; NHS 11-12





Lindsey Marie Steele: Cross Country 10-12; Track 10-12; Cheerleading 9-10; Project X 10-12 (Officer 12); SADD 10-11; CEC 11; Student Govt. 12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10
Natalie Stigall: Soccer 9-10; Swimming 9-11; *Crier* (Asst. sports Ed. 11, Ed.-in-chief 12); Theater 11



Emily Jean Stine: Dance Team 9-10 (Capt. 10); CEC 10-12 (pres. 12); Project X 11; SADD 11; NHS 11-12
Sarah L. Stockle: Spanish Club 9; Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12; ASL Club 12



Maria Caroline Stopper: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12); CEC 9-10; NHS 11-12
Michael Strain Jr.: Debate 9-12



Scott D. Strandberg: Soccer 9-12; French Club 9-12
Nedra Suzanne Stuart: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 10



Jim Sunderland
Dijita Sundi



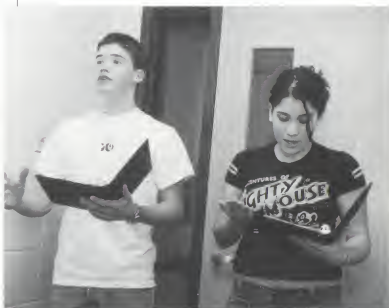
TJ Surma: NHS 11-12; Jazz Band 11-12; Pep Band 10-12; Marching Band 9-12; Academic Team 11-12
Ryan Szanyi: Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 10-12; Ping-Pong Club 11; NHS 11-12; Marching Band 9-10; Musical Pit 10, 12

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Although time passed, old shows stayed popular to keep the ratings high

classic reading

Eyes glued to the television set, all three girls leaned forward to get a better view of the show. Suddenly, the girls' mouths dropped in disappointment. John Stevens from *American Idol* got voted off the show. Upset with the audience's elimination, the girls only found emotional relief during the commercial breaks.



quickinfo

seniors taste tell all

favorite genres

- 58% **comedy**
- 26% **reality series**
- 1% **educational**
- 0% **soap opera**
- 12% **other**

what keeps them watching

- 54% **cliff hangers**
- 31% **story line**
- 13% **actors and actresses**
- 1% **peer pressure**

127 seniors surveyed April 7

mightysight

Because Amanda Kilibarda, sophomore, likes "Mighty Mouse," she decided to get a shirt displaying the character. "Mighty Mouse is a cute show," Amanda said. "I think that show is classic because there aren't that many shows out there that can match it."

Katelyn Rose Szewka: Ensembles 9-12; Speech 9-10; French Club 9,11; Musical 9, 11-12
 Steve Swet
 Craig Talbot
 Kristin Tanzillo: DECA 9; Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12
 Brian J. Tepper



Michael Thompson
 Michael Tiberi: Golf 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Tennis 9; Student Govt. 9
 Lauren Torres: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 9-10); CEC 11-12 (treasurer 11); SADD 11-12; Project X 11-12; Track 10-12; Ping-Pong Club 11
 Toshiro Joseph Toyama: Tennis 9; Football 10-11; Soccer 12; NHS 11-12; Wrestling 10-12
 Rob Trautman: DECA 12



Jeff Trgovich: French Club 9-12; DECA 11
 Pete Trgovich: Basketball
 Rebecca Triemstra: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); French Club 9, 10-11
 Ashley Anne Troumouliaris: Theater 9-12 (vice pres. 11, pres. 12); Speech and Debate 9-12 (council 12); Ensembles 10-12; French Club 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; National Merit Semifinalist 12; African Drumming Club 11-12; All-State Choir 10-12; Thespian 9-12
 Hali Rae Tsolakos: Soccer 9-11



Booram Ur: Tennis 10-12; Spanish Club 11-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; Academic Team 11-12
 Susan Valand
 Catherine L. Van Der Giessen: Swimming 9-10; French Club 9-12
 Joshua Varney
 Troy Velasquez: Spanish Club 10; Tennis 11-12



Timothy Veldkamp: German Club 9-11; SADD 9-12; Project X 9-10; ASL Club 11
 Morgan Wagner
 Stacey Marie Welsh: Spanish Club 9; German Club 9-12; Theater 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12 (stage manager 11-12); Thespian 10-12
 Matt Whitlatch: Band 9-12; Wrestling 9
 Clark Wick



Daniel Witkus: Tennis 10-12; Speech 9-12; NHS 11-12; Track 9
 Lauren Wright
 Kevin Wysock
 Don Yamitch
 Mike Yatsko





Jill Ilana Young: Tennis 9-12 (co-capt. 11, capt. 12); Speech 9-11 (recording sec. 11); Student Govt. 9-11; ASL Club 10-12 (sec. 11-12); Cheerleading 9; CEC 12 (treasurer 12); NHS 11-12; Principal's Award of Excellence 11



Michael Zembala



Stacy Zuick: Band 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-10; German Club 9-10; Art Club 9

and then some **entertainment**

good, bad, or ugly,
media keeps every
celebrity move in
the public eye

public image

From the Super Bowl halftime show to Court TV, scandalous behavior showed up everywhere and kept students talking

Michael Jackson: tried with child molestation

Michael is definitely guilty because there's overwhelming evidence against him right now. He had all of those kids over at his house "Neverland" and this isn't the first time he's been tried with molestation. I think that man needs a lot of help.

Nate Holobowski, senior

I've been a fan of Michael in the past, and I think that all this stuff about him molesting kids is just people trying to make money off of him. I think he gets a bum reputation because of his famous name. I'm behind him 100 percent in everything that he does.

Emily Diekelmahn, junior

Britney Spears: one-day wedding

Britney is ridiculous with the Madonna kiss and her overnight wedding. She claims to be an adult but she just wants attention and needs to grow up. She got drunk and married some dude for a couple of hours. That's not very mature if you ask me.

Phil Kompare, senior

I've been a fan of Britney forever, and nothing she does could really change my mind about her. I thought the kiss between her and Madonna was blown way out of proportion. Her one-night wedding was just a mistake.

Erin Joseph, junior

Janet Jackson: wardrobe mishap

I couldn't really believe that Janet exposed herself in the middle of the Super Bowl. There were families watching, and it was prime time TV. I know she said it was a mistake, but it really didn't look like one.

Carolyn Brown, freshman

Justin Timberlake ripped off Janet's shirt on accident. Everyone made such a huge deal about a mistake. I mean, she was even on Saturday Night Live for it. I really don't think it was on purpose.

Tommy Marnbourg, freshman



clear reflection

With Britney Spears' style in mind, Erin Joseph, junior, quickly reapplies her lipgloss before returning to A lunch. Despite Britney's revealing costumes and risky behavior, Erin remained a loyal fan. "I love Britney's style, and the way she handles herself," Erin said. "She's done some stupid things, but I think what everyone forgets is that she's an adult artist now, not a kid superstar."

Though seldom noticed,
little quirks keep things fresh

SETTING FACTS STRAIGHT

Day in and day out students walked the hallways without giving a second thought to how many steps they'd taken from their 5th hour class in North to their last hour class in South. They complained about the amount of time wasted while waiting to get their personal pan pizzas in the a la carte line, yet few knew exactly how many minutes had gone past. Whether known or not, facts remained facts.



WALKING TALK

Absent-mindedly trekking to the cafeteria, Sarah Flick, freshman; Aaron Jernigan, senior; Alex Jacobs, senior; and Rachel Gosciej, junior, make the familiar walk to lunch. After 180 school days, students walked farther than they realized.

LINED UP

After standing in line for nearly 10 minutes, Sara Schulte, junior, spends \$1.75 on a full lunch. "It was worth the wait," Sara said. "It's kind of weird, but I really liked the school's pizza. It was by far the best meal they serve."



FACT OVER FICTION

1. a). It took 632 steps from the furthest point in South, the orchestra room, to the furthest point in North, door F by Mr. Coppage.
b). It took 1,432 steps from the furthest point in South, the orchestra room, to the furthest point North, door F by Mr. Coppage.
2. a). Three minutes passed from the first handmade pizza sold in the a la carte line to the last.
b). Ten minutes passed from the first handmade pizza sold in the a la carte line to the last.
3. a). Walking at a four mph pace, a student could get from the furthest point in South to the furthest point in North twice.
b). Walking at a four mph pace, a student could get from the furthest point in South to the furthest point in North once.

FINDING THE ANSWERS

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Mrs. Kay Arkfeld: Westlake Aide
Ms. Christine Barajas: Westlake Aide
Dr. Timothy Bartlett: Vocal Music Director, Ensembles Musical Director, Music Dept. Rep
Mr. Brent Barton: Westlake Special Education
Mr. John Beaupain: Computer Technical Support



Mr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director, Theater Department
Mrs. Donna Buck: Westlake Aide
Miss Jennifer Bulla: English, Speech Coach
Mr. Brian Clark: English, Boys' Golf Coach, Ass't Football Coach, Ass't Wrestling Coach
Mr. Bruce Curme: Physics



Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Lifesaving
Mrs. Carrie Diombala: Non-educational Aide
Mrs. Therese Dristas: Technology Resource Coordinator
Mrs. Sue Durkin: Composition, French
Mr. John Edington: Science, Project Biology



Mrs. Christina Engle: Westlake Special education
Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Don Fortner: Economics, Speech and Debate Coach, Ass't Girls' Volleyball Coach
Mr. Dave Franklin: Science, Project Biology, Science Dept. Chair
Mr. Al Gandolfi: Assistant Principal



Mr. Paul Gee: Westlake Aide
Officer James Ghrist: Resource Officer
Mrs. Barb Gibbons: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Margaret Girus: Food Service Assistant
Mr. Michael Gordon: Government, Speech Coach



Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry
Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Outdoor Education, Boys' Basketball Head Coach
Mrs. Soo Han: Orchestra
Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, Media Arts, Paragon, Crier, Quill and Scroll sponsor
Miss Kelly Haussman: Chemistry

As they identify with students,
administration introduce themselves

MORE THAN NAMES

Most students knew them solely by their namesake, but these people made the school work. They decided how we spent our budget, the dress code and the school lunch. They validated the drug-testing policy

and enforced detentions. Students who got thrown out of class, went straight to them. These men performed behind the scenes operating the school while delivering all the things students took for granted.



WIPE OUT

After the homecoming pie-eating contest, Mr. Steven Tripinfeldas, principal, helps Student government sponsor, Jill Underly, social studies teacher, clean the tables of pie leftovers along with Marty Davis, custodian.

STARE DOWN

Walkie-talkie in hand, Mr. Al Gandolfi, assistant principal, stands outside Student Services after lunch with Mr. Don Zeller, assistant principal of guidance.



KING'S CORNER

Dived into conversation, Mr. Jack King, dean of students, shares a word with Dr. Michael O'Connor, assistant to the superintendent, at a basketball game.

POP STOP

Reaching for cans of Wild Cherry Pepsi, Mr. Corky Stopper, non-educational aide, refills the vending machine. Besides refilling the machines, Corky engaged himself in a game with Mrs. Nancy Hastings, publications adviser, to see if he could get to the room before she put out the attendance during Mrs. Hastings' third hour yearbook class.



School Board: Dave Schneider, member; Judy Florczak, vice president; Carrie Wadas, secretary; Paula Nellans, member; and John Friend, president



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Mrs. Dessie Kammer: Guidance
Counselor
Mr. Larry Keilman: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Deb Kelley: Auditorium
Secretary
Mr. Jack King: Assistant Dean of
Students



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Mrs. Linda Lemon: English
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Business Dept. Rep



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Director
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Education, Physical Education Dept.
Chair



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Training, Head Football Coach
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Secretary
Mr. Rob McCall: English, Ass't
Varsity Football Coach, Ass't Girls'
Track Coach
Mr. Jim McNabney: English,
Composition, Debate Coach



Mrs. Eileen Meier: German, German
Club
Mr. Fred Mendoza: Spanish
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Mrs. Teresa Needles: Westlake
Special Education
Mrs. Nancy Newcomb: Business,
Computer Applications



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Counselor, Dollars for Scholars
Mrs. Suzanne Owen: Media
Specialist
Ms. Valerie Pflum: Math, Ass't Girls'
Soccer Coach, Ping Pong Club,
Freshman Class sponsor
Mrs. Jackie Podkul: Math, Junior
Class sponsor

Forty years from the school's opening, students watch traditions grow as time fly

TIME KEEPS TICKING

1964

1964-Munster High School opens its doors. Mustang car becomes new rage and school mascot.

1966- First class graduates from Munster High School.

1969- Chicken BBQ starts as new Speech fund-raising tradition to homecoming events.

1975- Six girls make finals at State for the school gymnastics team.

1979- Annual Powder Puff football game finds junior and senior girls on the field while guys lead cheers.

1980- Arson-suspected fire destroys library/lecture hall area while remodeling project wraps up.

1984- Renovated school features new Commons, complete with benches.

1989- Nancy Hastings, journalism adviser, receives oil painting from Herff Jones after yearbook earns 5th national Gold Crown.

1991- 718 students in 34 clubs and 33 athletic teams face random drug testing as part of extra-curricular drug testing program.

1999- After 33 months of construction noise and dust, newly remodeled school welcomes public at November dedication ceremony.

2001- World Trade Center attack sends school into a Code Red lock-down.

1974

1984

1994

2004

Forty years have passed since the first Sophomore Class stayed in Munster instead of traveling to Hammond High School for their education. From 1964 to 2004, events helped mold the school and its traditions. With arsonist fires, new buildings, new additions and new faces, Munster prepared to celebrate its 40th year as a high school.



TOUCH OF TIME

Showing off their new arrival during a lunch break, Mr. Fred Mendoza, Spanish teacher, and Mrs. Kristin Mendoza, math teacher, share their daughter with the school while Mrs. Mendoza was on leave



Mrs. Pat Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Math Department Chair
Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo: Family and Consumer Science,
Mr. David Russell: English, Creative Writing
Mrs. Lynn Schumacher: American Sign Language
Mrs. Georgia Sherman: Media Secretary



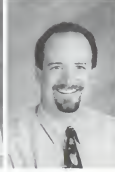
Mr. Bob Shinkan: Geometry, Boys' Varsity Baseball Head Coach, Ass't Varsity Football Coach
Miss Shonna Siegers: Earth and Space Science, Academic Team
Mr. Mike Smith: Athletic Director
Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math, Sophomore Class sponsor
Mrs. Michelle Stan: Social worker



Mr. Corky Stopper: Non-educational Aide
Mrs. Rita Stopper: Media Assistant
Mrs. Janel Tobias: Science, Diving Coach
Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Principal
Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris: Spanish, Foreign Language Dept. Chair



Mr. Donald Ullman: Chemistry, Academic Team
Mrs. Jill Underly: Social Studies, Student Government
Mrs. Beth Vesa: Algebra, Girls' Basketball Head Coach, Softball Coach
Mrs. Jan Watson: Westlake Special Education
Mrs. Jody Weiss: English



Mrs. Marsha Weiss: Guidance Counselor, Guidance Dept. Rep
Mrs. Geri Winston: Westlake Aide
Mr. William Woods: Band Director, Marching Band, Jazz Band
Mr. Steve Wroblewski: Math
Mrs. Mary Yorke: English, Composition, Speech, English Dept. Chair



Mr. Don Zeller: Assistant Principal, Guidance

in focus Sharing the Mardi Gras spirit, sophomore Zack Glasen models party headwear at the French Club celebration. Before homecoming, Kara Clark, senior, gets her hair styled at a local salon. Browsing the shelves at Borders, Eunice Niamoh, freshman, searches for the perfect gift for her sister.



community provides life's necessities

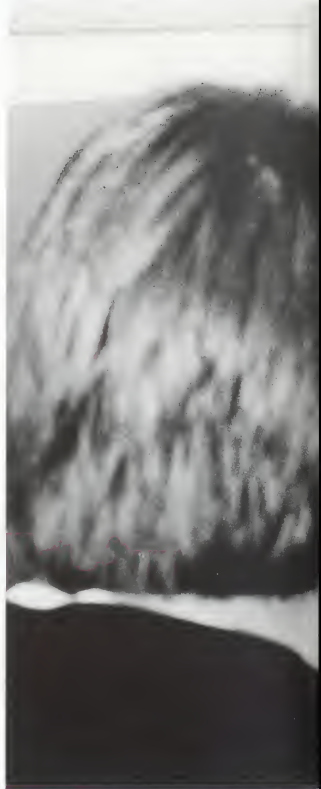
Home remained a long way off as Julie Kiekenapp, senior, headed to her directing position for the novice play *The Spiral Staircase*. The idea of a 3-hour practice lost its appeal as her stomach grumbled, **but** a quick dash to Subway made the thought a little more bearable.

Moments before finishing his English project, Kevin Penman, sophomore, ran out of rubber cement. The clock read 10:50 p.m., and he craved sleep, **but** first he headed to Jewel for the last minute missing link to an "A" on his poster.

Twenty-three gauge needles never sounded good to Jessica Pleitner, junior, **but** when they meant the difference between a spring break at home and one spent on the Project Bio trip to Big Pine Key, FL they suddenly didn't seem too awful.

School, practice and friends left little time to think of much else, yet the community provided life's little necessities from pay checks to pizza and proved **last but not least.**

Whether searching for last minute project supplies, extra cash or some midnight munchies, community provides a little something for everyone



dining out

With fork in hand Brent Fox, senior, spends half an hour after school at McDonalds with Dan Phillips, senior. Located only 1.3 miles away from the school, McDonalds provided a quick meal after class and before practice. "I liked to go out and eat with my friends," Brent said. "You could talk about the week and how things were going and it'd be relaxed and laid back, unlike school."



bowl of fun

At Plaza Lanes in Highland, Farris, Pearson, junior, and Ashley Chemerinsky, senior, bowl with DECA for muscular dystrophy. Members received pledges per pins or one overall donation.

phoning in

After completing a successful pledge, Gordana Radmilovic, junior, hangs up the phone during the Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon. They raised \$7,012.14 at the Feb. 1 event.

relax a while

Unwinding after school at the Muse, Kim Markovich, junior, relaxes with coffee. "Everything at the Muse is soothing, from the music to the art," Kim said.

alissa rosario

Alissa,
CONGRATULATIONS!
Your hard work has
paid off.
Keep reaching
for your dreams.

Mom, Dad & Adam



pat kunka

Marvels of the
universe lie
ahead! Good luck
at MAC.
Go Highlanders!
Love,
Mom & Dad

louis contos

We are so proud of the
young man you have
become. You've worked
very hard, and exceeded
our expectations. We
love you, and know you
will accomplish whatever
it is you set out to do.
Believe in yourself!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jon

kaitlin rebesco

We're proud of you
and happy to share
your excitement about
all that lies ahead.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jim, Ariana
and Gina



andrew bridgman

All good
wishes to our
favorite
Thespian.

We love you,
Mom, Dad &
Joey



Michelle McIntyre

Congratulations
on your high
school
graduation! We
are very proud of
you! Best wishes
in college!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mike,
Ryan & Lucky

darcie kozlowski

Congrats Darcie!
You've made us very proud!
Your accomplishments
have been many and your
music will always bring us
great joy! Best of luck at IU
and whatever you choose
to conquer!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Leah



roddy oancea

Roddy,
Congratulations on your great
achievements! As you step into
a new world of opportunities,
always believe in yourself and
strive to be your very best. Life
and success is a long journey;
live your life to the fullest and
enjoy every moment. Life goes
by very fast - come out running!
We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Maxxy,
Catherine & Kallie



MHS dance team seniors 2004



Christina Guanzon, Maria Stopper, Jillian Balazs,
Megan Hershberger, Kristin Tanzillo, Leah Shaffer

You have shared four years of dancing, laughing, crying and
creating lifelong memories. All of which has brought you to
be the beautiful young women you are today.

As your parents and your biggest fans, we have watched and
enjoyed every moment with great pride. We are confident
that each of you will be successful wherever those worn-out
dancing shoes take you. Good luck to you all!

With all our love and pride,
Your parents

suzanne quasny



Suzy,
Follow your heart,
and live your dreams.
May joy & success
be yours always.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Doug

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Here's to the
best son in the
world! Success
will be yours!
Love,
Mom and Dad

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Love,
Mom, Dad
Courtney and Tommy



☐ senior salute ☐ senior salute ☐ senior salute

Love
Dad, Mom, Jada
and Tuffy

[illegible]

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We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Brittany and Bradley



2004 senior band members

2004 Senior Band Members

Congratulations on a great marching season and on your performances at Disneyland and Universal Studios!!

From

The Band Backers



Senior Band members:

Lying down: Ms. Christina Wedow, band director

Front row: Rachel Mihich, Rachel Gill, Mary Rose Dal Polo, Stacy Zuick, Thea Logan, Mr. Bill Woods, band director

Back row: Chris Sipes, Chris Mihalo, Brian Carraher, Greg Curran, TJ Surma, Mark Sikora, Jeff Schmidt, Matt Whittlatch, Darcie Kozlowski

Missing: Josh Raycroft

kate laudermilk



Congratulations
Kate Laudermilk.
Treasure each day
and each new
experience.
We are so proud
of you.
We love you very
much!

Mom and Matt

justin dal corobbo

Justin,
We're proud
of You!
Good Luck at IU

Love,
Mom and Dad

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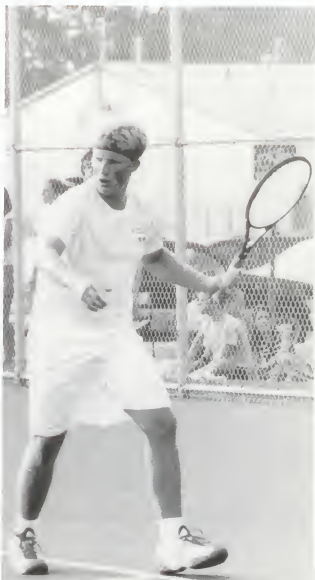
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Love,
Dad,
Mom,
Buddy

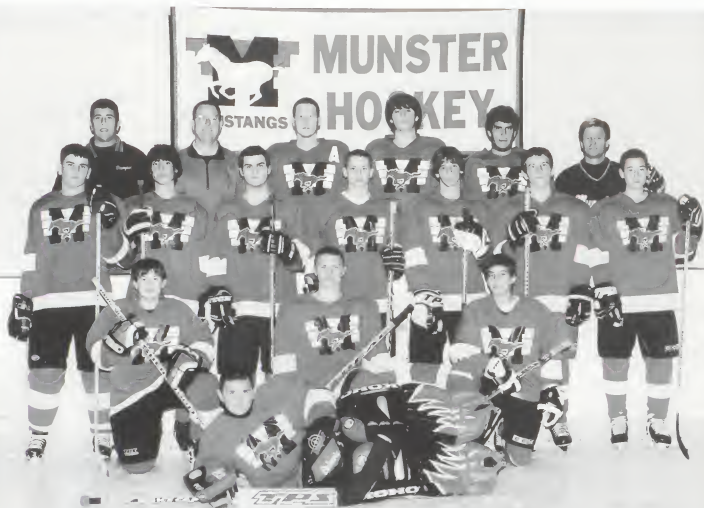


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Love,
Mom, George,
Leroy and Gilroy



2004 mustang hockey organization



At the 4th of July Parade, Brian Tepper, Kurt Jorgensen and Gregg Van Camp ride on the Hockey Organization float.

Gregg Van Camp, junior, gets the defense going by skating the puck into the Marian Catholic end of the ice.



Munster Mustangs Hockey Organization

Seniors: Jim Sunderland (co-captain), Steve Sochacki (co-captain), John Cermak, Jeremy McFadden, Steven Pokornowski, Alex Pozywio, Brian Tepper

Juniors: Kenneth Ehlin (assistant captain), Grant Burdeau, Gregg Van Camp

Sophomores: Kurt Jorgensen, Kevin Smith

Freshmen: Ryan McFadden, Ryan Mehay, Jason Schmelzer, Dan Schlessinger, Steven Johnson

Coach: Keith Tracy
Assistant Coach: Jim Sunderland

molly hanson

Molly,
We wish you a
wonderful life,
full of wonder,
laughter, success
and love. Thanks
for all the things
you've given us!

Love,
Your family

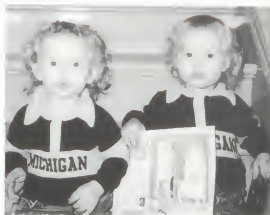


maddie and alex morley

Your fortune from a fortune
cookie—read upside down
(you know how it sounds!!!)

BLUE!!!
Things.....and-of course—GO
and always aware of the little
happiness and determination
go forward with joy and

Love,
Mom
with Dad in our hearts
and forever with you
in your future



christina guanzon

Congratulations!
We wish you the very best
in the coming years.
Remember to believe in
yourself.
You started life early—
hope you live it fully.

Much Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt &
Anna



kristin brazel

Kristin,
Through all your hard work and
perseverance, you have
overcome every obstacle and
have always met every
challenge. Be proud of all your
accomplishments—we are. The
sky's the limit. The future is
yours. Good Luck at the
University of Indy.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Kyle



laura lautz



Laura,
We are so proud of
you and love you so
much—always follow
your dreams and
you'll go far!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Andrew and Greg

leah shaffer

Congratulations, Leah!
I am so proud of you!
As you move on to IU,
remember, whatever
road you choose, I'm
right behind you!
Thank you for the
wonderful memories!

Love,
Mom



Last inLine

With names at the end of the
alphabet, students miss out

“When it came to ceremonies and
awards, it took forever to get my
name called. At my 8th grade
graduation, I fell asleep,”

Eric Zarowny, junior

“When I was signing up for
basketball in 3rd grade, only the
people in the upper half got to play.
Of course, since I was at the end of
the alphabet, I didn't get to play,”

Kelly Werner, freshman

“By the time I got called at a
ceremony or awards banquet, no
one even cared anymore. The first
couple of people got a really good
applause and by the time it got to
me, the only people that were still
awake wanted to leave,”

Jennifer Zgorka, junior

“Being called last for everything was
not fun at all. Sometimes I just
wanted to get things over with, like
a project, and I'd have to sit there
and wait.

Steve Ziemba, junior

sherri mehok



Congratulations Sherri,
We knew you were
always reaching for a
star. You're almost there—
keep on going! We are
proud of you and wish
you success at Purdue.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Jim

sheena srivastava

Congratulations Sheeny!

We are so proud of you
and wish you success in
all you do. We love you
very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Probo



alex gikas

Alex,
may you set out for the
future with confidence,
with determination, and
with pride in the man
you've become.
Best wishes as you
begin the journey.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Katie

bryan michel

We are so very
proud of you
and your
accomplishments!
We know you will do
great at Purdue.

Love, Mom,
Krystle
and Shawn

kelley fernandez

You are about to embark on
an incredible and exciting
journey to fulfill your hopes,
dreams and ambitions. We
hope that your path will be
filled with love, happiness
and profound success.
We could not be more
proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



sara harvey and michelle miskimins

I'd give anything to start
again from the beginning.
Life has been relentless
and predictable, but most
of all exhilarating. Not just
the big things, but the little
things as well. True blue
friends, through thick and
thin. Always and forever,
even when we are
hundreds of miles apart.



amanda reuter

Conquered the old,
starting the new,
may your journey
lead you to your
dream.

Congratulations!

Love,
Dad, Mom
and Jeff

joe kewitz

Joe,
WAY TO GO!

Love,
Mom, Dad
& Magic

stephanie couliss

Stephanie my little dove,
Stephanie my little love,
Stephanie sent from above,
Oh Stephanie, Stephanie,
Stephanie...

From a lullaby to Pomp and
Circumstance, you've really grown
up into a loving, ambitious young
woman, Stephanie.

We love you and are so-o proud of
you and all you've accomplished!
Love,
Mom, Tom, Grandma, Grandpa,
Aunts, Uncles, Cousins.
XOXO



sheryas joshi



Congratulations!
We are so proud of all your
academic and athletic
achievements through-out
your school career. It's been
a wonderful journey! We
hope and pray that the road
of your destiny is straight,
smooth and well lit!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Shilpa &
Caesar too!

jill young

You make our
hearts smile!
Reach for the
stars -
follow your
dreams!

Your biggest fans
Mom & Dad

david murks

Congratulations!

We are so proud
of you!

Mom & Dad

bryce hlista

You "rock"
our world!

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Michael



erin mcguan



Erin,
May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at
your back, the sun shine warm
upon your face, the rain fall
soft upon your fields,
and may God hold you
in the palm of his hand.
We love you dearly!

Mom, Dad and Tessa

Last to Park

Signing up late for parking
spots lead to limited space

"Parking in the pool lot wasn't as bad as people made it seem. There was actually less traffic, and I didn't have to wait forever to get out. The bad thing was that I didn't have a set parking spot, so I never knew where I'd be parking in there."

Eric LaMagdeleine, junior

natalia paez

Congratulations,

Fashion has always
been your passion.
Good luck in college.
We love you.

Love,
Mom & Jessie



"I thought that seniors should automatically have gotten close parking spots. If I ended up with a far parking spot, and if a lot of underclassmen had closer spots than I did, I would get mad. I waited a long time for that privilege. I was usually late for school anyway, so parking far away made me have even more tardies and detentions."

stephanie rangel

Congratulations,
Stephanie!

You have made us very
proud. Best wishes at
Notre Dame.

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
Erica and Melissa

class of 2004

Congratulations,

May your futures
be bright and
prosperous.

Good Luck in all
you undertake

Peoples *Bank*

Congratulations
to the Munster State Champion "We the People" team



1st Row: Matt Kasenga, Mike Friedman, Kara Clark, Miss Bulla, Mr. Gordon
2nd Row: Jim Bochnowski, Emily Lawrence, Kelley Fernandez, Emily Stine,
Kathy Ntiamoh, Julie Kiekenapp, Laura Loutz, Megan Hersberger
3rd Row: Elliot Beriman, Jason Goff, Ryan Anderson, Chris Hansel, Anton Shishkin, Jon Fisher

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 Milan & Gail Andjelich
 John & Judy Banka
 Caroline Basile
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 Bradley Lewis
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putting mind overmatter

As the clock hit 11 a.m., students bolted for the door June 4. The last day of school rolled around, and the prospect of a 73-degree day at the beach appeared more promising. Saying hurried good-byes to retiring Family and Consumer Science teacher Mrs. Linda Scheffer and retiring guidance counselor Mrs. Marsha Weiss, they headed toward the rapidly emptying parking lot.

Signaling the year's end, students, sports and classes wrap things up

Just moments after the last bell, memories of the 90-minute fifth hour final exams quickly began to fade. One hundred eighty days had passed and summer approached. Taking final glances at emptied lockers, the pleasant reality set in.



decorated details:

While applying finishing touches on his ceramics project, Jose Gutierrez, sophomore, finishes with a glaze. Students worked at their own pace in Ceramics I in order to stay focused and on task.



picture perfect

Ready for pictures at Prom, juniors Hana Keil, Stephanie Brajak, Lucy Brow, and Jessica Brakulis pose with business teacher Mr. Johnny Payne. "I loved Mr. Payne," Lucy said. "We even visited his baby."



spin doctor:

Break dancing, David Lukomski, senior, shows off moves he learned using the interactive video game Dance Dance Revolution during homecoming.



child's play

While singing "These are a Few of My Favorite Things," the Von Trapp children surround Sara Dobrinich, senior, during the Spring Musical's production of *The Sound of Music*. After taking part in three musicals, Sara ended her career with the lead role of Maria, the Von Trapp governess.

free cheers

Eyes on the nominees for Prom King and Queen, Chetan Chaubai, junior, and Molly Hanson, senior, cheer on Prom Court Seniors Amanda Shike and Wally Girafesi took the titles.



apple a day

While taking advantage of a USDA fruit grant, Kristina Kessey, senior, enjoys the final days of free fruit. Fruit was offered Tuesdays and Thursdays for free in the cafeteria until the money ran out at the year's end.

feet first

Providing support for the Boys' Swim Team, Bryan Chovanec, sophomore, cheers on his teammates during a Portage meet. "Swimming meant a lot to me," Bryan said. "Portage was a huge team to beat, and it was important that we worked together for a win."



Past tests, old projects and first semester grades had not spelled disaster. Though once seemingly impossible, the year finally wrapped up. Despite minor setbacks, small hurdles and the expected problem or two, when all was said and done, there really were **no ifs, ands or buts.**



piled up

Tediously folding towels, Amanda Roque, sophomore, helps as out in Foods I. "Being an aid wasn't that bad," Amanda said. "The one thing I hated, though, was folding that pile of towels that sat there everyday."



fast friends

To help with team unity, the Boys' Varsity Baseball team celebrates a victory by doing a "mustang." The boys went on to win Conference but lost in Sectionals Semi-finals.



help at hand

By lending a hand baby-sitting Westlake children, Sarah Liszka, junior, earns points for NHS and fulfills her duties as a Dance Team member. "Our coach Heidi wanted us to help out," Sarah said. "I would have done it anyway."







the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.1 million (Office of National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop services to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has set out a vision for the future of health care for older people, and the Department of Social Security (1999) has set out a vision for the future of social care for older people. Both visions are based on the principle of 'ageing in place', which means that older people should be able to live in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

One of the key challenges in achieving this vision is to ensure that there are enough resources to meet the needs of the ageing population. This includes resources for housing, health care, social care, and transport. The Department of Health (1999) has identified a number of key areas for investment, including: (1) housing, (2) health care, (3) social care, and (4) transport.

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